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NEWCASTLE'S NSL LIFE IN DANGER



Newcastle coach Kaiser ... has team in second spot.

AND CANBERRA HAVE THEIR TROUBLES TOO

BY BERNIE HARRIS

CANBERRA ARROWS are under threat of losing their major financial backing.

Concern which had been steadily mounting in the Downer Olympic Soccer Club, which finances the Canberra NSL team, came to the surface last Thursday evening. An extraordinary general meeting of Downer was held to hear a report on the financial expectations for the current season.

And the financial news was similar to that which haunts most NSL clubs — the prospect of a deficit of \$187,000, bringing the total losses absorbed by the club since it assumed full responsibility for the Arrows to in excess of \$700,000.

Prior to the meeting, several club members were proposing a motion which would dump the Arrows there and then.

But in the event, the meeting accepted that the club was committed to the Arrows for the balance of the season.

The warning signs were present, however, that unless there is a marked improvement in the financial situation, Downer's members would not cop a further escalation in financial commitments and a weakening of their club's viability.

The meeting was told that projected income from gate takings was \$6,000 a match, or 1,200 paying customers.

However, recent attendances at Arrows matches have fallen below that figure.

There was also dispute at Board level how some of the \$84,000 in sponsorships which was not in cash form should be shown in the club's accounts.

The meeting was informed also that, in an endeavour to alleviate the problems, Arrows president Charles Perkins and media and promotions manager Johnny Warren were to appeal directly to the Canberra community on the basis that without its support an NSL team in the national capital was under serious threat.

So the writing is on the wall that unless the financial figures show some improvement at the end of the season Downer's members are likely to pull the plug on the Arrows.

FRANTIC moves are in hand to maintain Newcastle's presence in the NSL — if the weight of past debts drags the existing Newcastle KB United down.

Against an approximate \$49,000 debt, the present club has the value of a talented bunch of mainly young footballers, which must realise at least \$40,000 on the open market.

Club executives, Bob Thompson and Ken Moss, had a Sunday crisis meeting with Northern NSW Soccer Federation directors, led by chairman Alan Tredinnick.

BY

JOHN ECONOMOS

Afterwards, Tredinnick said: "If the worst comes, we will be trying to protect both Newcastle United and the Federation."

"The players are registered with us as well as the NSL. I am certain that the will is there to continue and get a strong local team on the park."

All this drama has occurred against a backdrop of events in which the plucky Newcastle side has clung to second spot in the National League.

The irony is that the whole sorry affair was completely avoidable.

Adamstown Rosebuds, with their successful licensed club, applied in 1983 to take over from the debt-ridden Newcastle United in the NSL.

All reports indicate that the ASF's Commercial Manager, Peter Sheehan, recommended Adamstown's admission, but the NSL didn't endorse his report.

Adamstown secretary, Pat Clarke, resigned as

Newcastle's secretary on March 13. Adamstown is saying nothing at this stage about taking over.

Having been knocked back and then budgeting for Northern NSW commitments only, it is believed they are looking at the 1985 NSL, not 1984.

Unless Tredinnick con-

vinces them their day of destiny has already come.

There are other licensed Soccer clubs in Newcastle which might nip the Rosebuds in the bud.

The present KB United directors are concerned over the affect of the recently introduced Companies Code which imposes

clear financial obligations on them.

It's a far cry from the days when 15,000 fans turned up at the International Sports Centre. The pity was that the ground Trust was able to cream off licensed club and admission proceeds from the club members. Meanwhile mira-

cle working coach, Kenny Kaiser, is setting the team for a big display against League leaders, Sydney City on Sunday, at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Kaiser and the Newcastle kids deserve medals — and a new stable club behind them, as reward for their splendid efforts.



Sheer joy as Leichhardt score to level at 2-2 against St George. Scorer John Bradley (left) and the man who gave him the final pass, Kerry Caban, are happy to see the ball in the net.

EDITORIAL

REFEREES are the most unfortunate individuals in Australian Soccer. They appear to be in a no-win situation every time they leave their dressing rooms.

Whenever there is a trouble at a match, with players misbehaving or fans rioting, it seems inevitable that the accusing finger will be pointed at the referee.

"He lost control of the game," is the most frequently-used cliché for the man with the whistle.

We heard that comment passed several times after the recent Sydney Olympic — Sydney City match.

Richard Lorenc was on the receiving end of the abuse. Mr Lorenc refereed the match.

Did he, in fact, lose control? John Kosmina, Gerardo Gomez and Steve O'Connor would not agree. Lorenc appeared to control affairs with a very firm hand when he invited those three players to depart from the field. And even Eddie Thomson, coach of the Sydney City side, admitted later that the referee was quite right to send off two of the three Slickers players.

All those people who are so quick to castigate football referees should ponder these points:—

- When players are deliberately tripped during a match, the referee never does the tripping.
- When players kick each other, the referee never kicks anyone.
- When petty fouling takes place, the referee never commits a foul.
- When missiles are hurled by thug spectators, they are not hurled by referees.

In other words, unruly matches and misbehaviour in the crowd are almost entirely attributable to players and spectators.

Why blame the man with the whistle whose main concern is to keep the peace?

Richard Lorenc is one of the better referees on the National League panel, a panel which, with 12 matches to be handled every week, has its refereeing talent spread too far and too thinly.

Maybe he didn't have one of his top games at Pratten Park on the day in question.

Perhaps he erred by whistling too much early in the match. This angers players who want to get on with the business of winning a match without too many interruptions.

It may be argued that Lorenc issued too many yellow cards and this, too, makes players angry.

But on the whole, Lorenc did not do very much wrong.

How many of the people who have been sitting in judgment on him during the past week or so have tried to control a top class game of Soccer? It is certainly not as easy as the armchair critics imagine.

In fact, we often wonder why anyone should want to take up Soccer refereeing.

It cannot be for the money. Nor for the opportunity to travel the world, a privilege afforded only two or three lucky Australian whistlers.

In addition to their weekend matches, training during the week, attendance at meetings and all the other chores associated with refereeing, the referees must suffer regular insults from players, coaches and spectators.

And when there is a match which boils over — as happened at Pratten Park — the referee is accused of "letting the game get out of control."

Pity the poor ref. He can't win.

JIM'S BACK — AND WANTS TO PLAY FOR STATE TEAM

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston is to make a playing comeback and wants to win a place in the Queensland team for the interstate clash against New South Wales at Perry Park on April 29.

Hermiston, 38, a former National League Player of the Year, announced his intention to pull his boots back on last week.

Although the Scotland "B" international was linked with Lions, where he played much of his NSL career after a record-breaking \$30,000 transfer from Grange Thistle, it seems more likely Hermiston will play this season with Premier League club North Star.

And Hermiston hopes his form will warrant late inclusion in the Queensland team. He has been running and cycling up to 60km a week and says he is fit and has had no problems with a knee injury which earlier this season restricted him to only one training night with another Premier League club, Ipswich United.

"It would take only one match for me to get match-fit, so I think I have time to make a State team bid," Hermiston said.

Hermiston, who quit Soccer in 1982 to coach the Brisbane City NSL side, said he had decided to make a playing comeback because he had "a resurgence of spirit".

He has been out of Soccer for more than two months after failing to agree on terms with City on his appointment as coach for this season.

He had decided not to go ahead with a bid to play at Lions because he was now looking for "something different" from football.

"I just want the fun and enjoyment now, not the nitty gritty stuff that would be needed in the National League. I don't want all the travelling either," Hermiston said.

"But everyone needs a target and at the moment trying to make the State team again is a good one to aim for."

If Hermiston goes ahead and joins North Star — and it is extremely likely as his son James plays there — he will team up with another former Lions and City NSL player and City coach, George Potter.

After coaching North Star last season, Potter has stood down this year to make a playing comeback and has been very effective in pre-season as a sweeper — ironically position.

How coach Jerzey Steckiw juggles the experienced pair remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, North Star could have one of the most experienced central defences in Australia!



Hermiston (right) receives the Wedgwood Bowl from former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser as Player of the Year.



GEORGE POTTER

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS SHOULD EXAMINE CLUBS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A CLOSE look into the National Soccer League scheme of things indicates that consideration should be given to having management consultants examine the financing of the clubs.

There is little doubt that the NSL itself has pulled its affairs into line to a fair degree after a period of extravagance.

The picture is not all that rosy, but at least improvements have been made to stop many clubs being crippled by excessive financial demands.

But it is common knowledge that clubs such as Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg, Footscray, West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Canberra Arrows, Newcastle and Wollongong City have at one time or another suffered from acute financial indigestion.

Leichhardt has moved to make the Soccer unit less dependent on the Apia licensed club. It is a scheme that certain others might be able to follow with great benefit.

Some clubs have allowed their hearts to rule their heads. It can be argued that some of the player commitments and transfer fees are investments in the years ahead.

But where these payments are overdone the results is a lack of proper continuing rate of development.

A study of financial statements by capable consultants could lead to club financing becoming a more orderly affair.

There is, with many clubs, no thought of preparing even a "best case" budget, let alone one which provides for the possibility of adversity.

There are others, admittedly, which have learnt the lessons of adverse times and are planning well for the future.

Last year the new NSL

officials moved in to pare cost where possible. For the year, however, it was a case of cutting where possible and seek what you can rake in.

The result was that the end of the year deficit had to be divided up amongst the clubs at the beginning of 1984.



That meant, as the price of getting in, the eight new clubs had to fork out \$4,200 each as well as the 16 of 1983. That meant a \$100,800 deficit was being made up.

The glaring error inherent in such a system is that it encouraged clubs not to budget properly. Who can reasonably budget for contingencies such as this at a time when the general economy was well and truly in recession?

To offset the high 1983 costs the NSL introduced a crowd-pleasing, coin-of-the-realm-creating challenge match series.

It will be necessary for these games to produce outstanding crowds, but this cannot be expected to happen in all cases.

Clubs will be required to forego home rights. They

will have to play in Sydney at St George or Marconi Stadium or in Melbourne at Olympic and Middle Park.

As a result of the hue and cry begun by Canberra Arrows, the grounds will extend to any others which are approved as being good enough for Network 0/28 televising standards.

tion and travel to \$7,500 for this year.

The 1983 position was \$25,000, plus \$1,200 NSW affiliation, plus \$5,000 to conduct the NSW U19 Youth League.

This year the clubs had paid in \$4,200 for cover for the 1983 shortfall, plus the \$7,500 above, with further costs an increased affiliation of \$2,500 to the NSW Federation and \$3,200 for the Youth League operation.

The decrease in Youth League operation costs relates to the increased number of Sydney teams and decrease in travel costs. In Victoria the clubs are within the metropolitan area of Melbourne, so the cost will be \$1,000 each.

There have been certain gains to the code in establishing the NSL.

Australian standards generally have never been higher across the spectrum.

It is possible to point to individual high standard teams in the past, but not to competitions where there was a full stretch game each week.

Cities — other than Sydney and Melbourne which contain 40 per cent of the nation's population — can compete on close-to-even terms to the majors.

The scheme of using certain grounds for television must be conducted with absolute equity otherwise it will fall down.

Returning to the original theme, there are highly efficient management consultants available at not extortionate fees.

A well-organised audit of the clubs could result in certain of them being brought back to the straight and narrow — to theirs' end everyone's advantage.

CHARLTON OUT FOR A MONTH

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS new signing John Charlton — the son of former England international Jack — has his foot in plaster and is likely to be sidelined for at least a month.

Charlton, who Lions signed from Tasmania earlier this year, broke a small bone in his foot in Lions' recent 1-3 loss to Heidelberg.

The break was not as bad as first thought, when Charlton was rushed to hospital in Melbourne, but it still needed a half-cast and Charlton is on crutches.

But the sweeper, who was beginning to find fitness and form, is hopeful he can resume light jogging within two weeks and proper training within a month.

Charlton is the second Lions import to be sidelined through serious injury.

They have lost former Canberra striker Phil Redmond, who after having a cartilage operation a week ago now faces an operation on his cruciate ligament. Redmond, who is on a \$1000 season loan from the Arrows, is unlikely to play again this year.



PHIL REDMOND

LEAGUE BOSSES BE WARNED:



JOHN FRANK

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED IN AMERICA

BY TOM McKAIN

WHILE officials are predicting a "wonderful season" for Australian Soccer under the new 24-team NSL set-up, they should be wary.

Take note that of the magical number of 24 teams in the USA, only nine are left for the 1984 season.

There is even a suggestion that the mighty Cosmos could fall.

And like Australia, the USA national team is rushing around trying to play as many games as possible, not just for World Cup training, but to raise cash.

A consortium known as Soccer USA, or SUSA, is planning the national team's new image.

Writing in the latest issue of "World Soccer", New York reporter Sue Mott says SUSA was formed when the United States Soccer Federation went bankrupt because of bickering and "being run like the corner shop".

SUSA has launched a hard-sell campaign centred on the national squad now known as Team America. When the deal is finished it will give the Federation close to \$2 million over three years for which it will hand over a quarter of the profits in commission.

Said Mott: "This seems to strike all parties as good business, based on the theory that if Budweiser Beer and MacDonalds Hamburgers can spend \$25 million each sponsoring the L.A. Olympics, they will leap at the chance of spending say, \$3 million, to stamp their identity on Soccer mugs and other objections to art."

That little statement recalls shades of Ric Booth and John Frank, who were so active in that early marketing set-up in Australia which tried to push sum-

mer Soccer and nickname for the clubs.

There is now a mad scramble at the USSF headquarters to lure international giants to the States.

They want Russia, Poland, Peru, Argentina, Mexico and Italy.

This, of course, is similar to the situation here with the ASF is flat out to attract big overseas clubs here for a tournament.

It is presumed that the Americans' thinking is that

if the national team succeeds so will its League.

While there could be a warning for Australia in the American scene, the downfall of the New Zealand national set-up should also be noted.

The Kiwis' national league fell apart and their players took off for Australia.

They started here then turned round and knocked the Socceroos out of the World Cup.

Now we are following the American plan — it is our players who are heading overseas. Twelve were in the UK this year and others will follow.

It is to be hoped our

officials tread softly, and don't get carried away by gimmicks.

NEW ZEALAND had a 2-nil win over Malaysia at the Basin Reserve, Wellington.

A twice-taken penalty kick by Billy McClure produced the first goal.

McClure's first shot was saved but referee Gary Fleet signalled for the kick to be re-taken, because goalkeeper Arumugam moved early.

McClure scored with the second attempt.

The goal in 60 minutes brought the match to life as NZ sought more goals.

Grant Turner finally scored just before full-time.

A DAY AT THE RACES!

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THREE young Canberra Arrows players have discovered a new way to lose money at the races — without even having a bet!

And in the process they have proved that when it comes to discipline Arrows coach Doug Collins has shown that his actions speak just as loudly as his words.

Picture the scene. At the National Sports Centre, Bruce Stadium, the three players, Andrew Young, Ray Junna and Michael Barnett, have been told that they are not in the NSL team as first up players or reserves.

The Arrows are to play Brunswick and a poor turnout of about 800 is there to cheer the local side on.

The players know that Collins requires them to stay at the ground for the match and to participate in after match discussions.

But the sun shines brightly, five kilometres away over 100,000 Canberrans are indulging in the food and wine frolic. Within five minutes drive, at the national capital's race track, the cream of Australia's young horseflesh with top trainers and jockeys are competing in the biggest race meeting on the Canberra racing calendar — the \$75,000 Black Opal Stakes.

The temptation is discussed outside the grandstand area and the decision is made. It's off to the races.

And there the story would have ended, but for the fact that Collins found out about the excursion.

And now there are three sorry young players who have been fined \$200 each in

training fees and sent off to the youth team.

"Players must understand that they are part of a team unit," said Collins. "But for the rule that only six persons are allowed on the bench those players would have been on the sideline with me. It's all part of being professional. The discipline will stand them in good stead for the future and they'll know from now on that what I say I mean."

And despite criticism from some quarters, former Arrows coach George Murray summed it all up by saying: "I support what Collins did 100 per cent. A coach could do nothing less."

COLLINS — GIBSON 'SHAKE HANDS'

BY BERNIE HARRIS

CANBERRA ARROWS coach Doug Collins and midfielder-striker Ian Gibson have buried the hatchet. Gibson has returned to the Arrows ranks for the remainder of this season.

The dramatic reversal was hailed by local supporters and has been welcomed by Arrows Board members who agreed that the talents of Gibson would be lost to a squad which is light on in experience.

The rapprochement came after a four-month stand-off in which Collins said it was better for the club that Gibson leave. Gibson retorted that he and Collins were poles apart in attitude and understanding.

Collins said that Gibson had been in contact with him to apologise for his earlier behaviour which in part he attributed to the

trauma of his wife's condition.

Collins, for his part, also apologised for some of his remarks — and the two, with accord re-established, set about the more important task of getting Gibson back into the team.

Gibson returned to training last Tuesday night and lived up to Collins' expectation that, as a true professional, he would have maintained fitness during his lay-off.

Still, it must have been a surprise — but a welcome one — to local fans to see Gibson take the field last Friday night when the



DOUG COLLINS

Arrows and South Melbourne set about another 90 minutes of football to resolve the hiccup caused in the tables by the abandonment of their match just five days before.

With Gibson back in harness, there is only one area of concern for coach Collins — an obvious weakness in his defence.

But don't be surprised if, at the end of the Greek season, George Christopoulos returns to the Arrows.

With Christopoulos back in the Arrows squad, Collins would have the final cog to get his machine well and truly on the road.

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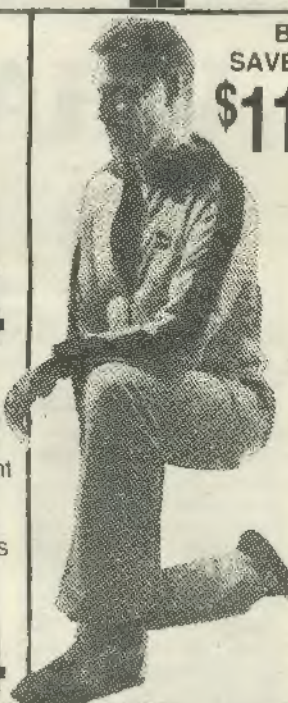
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BY JOE WATSON

DON THOSE HELMETS LADS!

"LADS, today we are playing Sydney Olympic and we know their supporters are easily upset.

"Don't tackle, don't turn to the crowd after a can of drink lands on your head, don't swear and try not to win by too many goals.

"In fact, let them draw, that way they'll all be very happy, and don't worry about them spitting on you on the way to the dressing rooms. And be careful not to commit any fouls.

"Apart from that go out and enjoy the game lads, and remember to wear your helmets."

Let's face it, these are the words a coach is expected to say to his players if he wants to keep the peace when playing Olympic.

If supporters of any team cannot behave in a proper manner when players are booked or sent off, then they should be barred from all games.

It is not the first time players have been sent off and it won't be the last and there is no way the players can be blamed for the actions of these so-called Soccer followers.

Don't tell me players should turn a blind eye to all the commotion, when a player is pelted with rubbish and spat on as he makes for the dressing-room. Who can blame him for not being able to hold back his anger?

Amazing, in one newspaper article, even our coach Eddie Thomson was blamed for the trouble at this match.

The writer said it could harm his possible selection chances as coach of the Australian "B" team in the coming international series.

It seems that everyone was to blame — everyone, that is, but the fans themselves.

There seems no end to the excuses that are conjured up time and time again to protect these louts, but I need not tell you who is to blame. It's all been seen before and no doubt it will happen again.

BLANCO BOUNCES BACK IN BIG LEAGUE

MELITA EAGLES' 1-0 win over St George in last week's National League encounter must have been particularly satisfying for their coach Raul Blanco.

Blanco will remember well the boos of the St George supporters during a recent disastrous season, when he was in charge of their team as it plunged to the bottom of the league.

Indeed it was this disaster that set the stage for Frank Arok to return from Yugoslavia to once more rebuild St George.

Following a further season of tribulation at Marconi, Blanco has recaptured his verve at his old club Melita where he first made his name as a coach.

For his low-budget team to upset St George was indeed a compliment to Blanco and his assistant Dennis Hoggart who have done an excellent rebuilding programme at Melita.

The reliable Melita team once more reflects a stable and solid club administration.

Without the financial resources of some clubs, Melita has built its own



stadium and consistently obtained good sponsorship monies, indicating the business acumen within the club.

Among the players is an excellent goalkeeper in Englishman Alex McPherson plus the experience of Kenny Wilson, national team potential Howard Tredinnick and former Apia star Bobby McGinn.

These are all in defence indicating a team that will not be easily overrun.

The midfield has the outstanding skills of Ray Farrugia and John Davies. The work-rate and ball winning ability of Billy Griffiths can be used up-front or in midfield.

I had Griffiths under me at Apia and felt then he was a potential national team player.

However, that was as a midfielder player where he has not been used too often in recent years.

Griffiths is still in his mid 20s and could yet make it to the top level of the game here.

Don Allan should be ready to play the best football of his career now after a series of successful seasons in State League.

McGinn's ability as a sweeper gives indication of the value of intelligence and skill if a player wants to last a long time in the game.

McGinn, as an attacking full-back with Apia in his earlier days, always possessed above-average skill for a defender.

Along with his ability to read the game, he is now

BILLY GRIFFITHS giving his club all the benefits of his many years as a professional in the game.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

As for Blanco, he knows he cannot win the competition with his team as it is at the moment, but he also knows that it will not fold under pressure as did his previous two National League teams, St George and Marconi.

His emergence again as a successful coach, after winning his battles over trials and tribulation, is good to see.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SPORTSMANSHIP?

SOCCER took another pounding from the media after the Sydney Olympic — Sydney City National League match at Pratten Park.

Unfortunately, the main target for the abuse seemed to be Richard Lorenc, who refereed the game.

Of course — as I discovered many times during my career — the referee is regularly blamed when there is trouble at Soccer.

Instead of getting on the back of the referee all the time, the critics should ask one important question... "What happened to sportsmanship?"

Too many people forget that a Soccer game ought to be played to the rules.

You don't see many referees breaking the rules!

Players need reminding that if they break the Laws of the Game they have to be punished. Pity some of them cannot be locked up!

Or sent somewhere where the law of the jungle applies!

Guilty people always



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

blame other people. That is the easy way out.

I have some advice for them.

Before you hand the blame around to others, take a good look at yourself in the mirror.

If you are honest, you

will find just who is in the wrong.

Here is some more advice for players:

Act like sportsmen and allow the game of Soccer to be played as it is supposed to be played.

While I'm in the mood to advise people, here is my suggestion for the few hot heads in the crowd.

Let the game proceed without trying to interrupt it by jumping the fence. Hurdling is all right at the Olympic Games but not at

the Olympic matches.

And keep your hands in your pockets. If you do this, you won't be able to throw cans and other missiles.

Finally, I was appalled to hear some remarks from a TV commentator.

He passed judgment on the referee from a distance of about 100 metres. If he had been on the field of play, he might have been better qualified to comment on what was happening. Maybe his view was ob-

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structed. I am sure he was not aware of what was being said by the referee to the players or what players said to the ref.

If he did hear it all, he must have very big ears!



RICHARD LORENC (centre) escorted from the field by police officers after a match

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COACHES, PLAYERS NEED

DISCIPLINE

DISCIPLINE is a very important part of a professional footballer's life and it's time our more experienced players in Australia learned and accepted this fact.

Without discipline, a footballer can produce his best or do justice to himself or his team.

At times when the word discipline is mentioned to a

senior player, he gets his back up and goes into a huff.

"We are experienced players and we do not like to be treated as children," is the usual cry.

Fair enough — it the player or players conduct themselves like men on and off the field.

After last week's shenanigans in the NSL when eight players were sent off and

BY TOM ANDERSON

numerous others were booked, which brought on crowd disturbances, the topic of discipline must be brought up.

Certainly, there is no excuse for crowd misbehaviour and not for one minute will I even attempt to excuse crowd violence.

At the same time, I will not defend players, teams or coaches who incite crowd violence by their actions or behaviour.

In every catastrophe there must be a lesson and the "Pratten Park do" was no exception.

In my opinion, the whole aspect of discipline, be it concerning officials, coaches, players or teams, must now come under focus.

Also, not for one minute am I suggesting that clubs should introduce military regimes or petty dogmatic discipline, for this only produces negative results.

What must be found in clubs is the balance between a carefree attitude and a dictatorship — the happy medium.

Respect is the operative word — a mutual respect between the player and his coach brings the best results on and off the field.

Good coaches put team discipline into three groups — punctuality, hygiene and behaviour.

A top professional player has the responsibility to adhere to these three groups if he is to produce his best for his club.

On the punctuality score, everyone will agree that bad time-keeping is an insult, not only to the coach but also to team-mates, and lack of respect for your team-mates is one of the deadliest sins in any team game.

Hygiene is something personal for every player and if he presents himself or acts like a scruff, it's little wonder that crowds and spectators treat him likewise.

Behaviour, of course, is the most important of all the discipline groups and the lack of self discipline or team discipline can torpedo all the best planning.

Players and coaches have obligations to the club which pays their wages and if these obligations are abused or ignored, it usually spells trouble in the end.

The coach has a prime responsibility of making clear his demands in all discipline issues.

Professional players must adhere to the coach's demands.

In doing this the coach must at all times, treat his players with the same respect he expects from them.

Also, players' behaviour on the field should at all times, be a matter of common sense.

Players know only too well when they have broken the rules the game and don't need television replays to confirm this!

When the rules of the game of football are broken no "ifs", "buts" or "maybes" can change the fact and the consequences must be faced.

If players are being viciously hacked or booted then they should be protected at all times by the

referee — that's what he is there for.

Nine times out of 10 — especially here in Australia, where players are rather naive about the art of hard tackling — getting square or retaliating usually end in an early shower.

Also when players become involved in personal duels with opponents or slanging matches with the referee, they immediately lose concentration.

When they have lost concentration, they are then no longer playing at their full capacity and are liabilities to their team.

When a football team runs on to the field on match day, players are on their own and the coach should sit and suffer in silence on the touchline.

But at times this is not the case and when the coach gets involved, he loses his self-discipline and it spells trouble with a capital T!

If a coach can't retain his own self discipline, how on earth can he expect players to retain theirs?

Good professionals — be they players or coaches — realise the need for self and team discipline at all times: without it no team can succeed or expect to win respect.



An example of lack of discipline by a team official... the director of Brazilian Soccer is escorted from the field during Brazil's 2-3 loss to Qatar in Newcastle during the 1981 World Youth Cup. The official struck the referee while the match was in progress.

MARCONI MUST BEAT HOODOO

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE stage is set next Sunday at Marconi Stadium for another "Italian Job" when Marconi takes on the visiting Leichhardt-Apia, Marconi's favourite foe. Both these clubs are heavily sponsored by Italian social clubs.

At the moment, the home side looks handicapped on recent results, whilst the visiting APIA, has lost only one game in the last five. And according to APIA's coach, Fil Bottalico, they should have beaten St George on Sunday instead of going home with a draw.

Bottalico is a very unhappy man at this present time as he has found it impossible to please some of his APIA supporters.

He told ASW last night: "This year I have only 14 players in my NSL squad

and already I have lost my most experienced one in Terry Butler. Yet some of our supporters are not satisfied even though we have lost only one match in our last five outings.

"I can tell you it is not easy. They seem to want blood," Bottalico lamented.

Meanwhile, Marconi's coach, Les Scheinflug, stated: "It doesn't look too bright for us at the moment as in our last three matches against APIA, they have beaten us every time."

Marconi's president, Ron Cavnagino said on radio this week: "It's our turn to win I would say. And I feel we are ready to take them this time."

Marconi got out of jail last Sunday against Melita when the latter hit a 2-0 lead after 29 minutes, to eventually snatch a draw.

Scheinflug is keen to get pacey flankman, Peter "Rocket" Sharne back into

the first team. He played in the Youth League last Sunday, and showed he is still a little short of a gallop.

APIA will rely heavily on John Bradley and Ian Gray, but according to Bottalico, free-back and ex-Sydney Olympic player, Jimmy Ziras, was outstanding against St George and will hold his place covering Arno Bertogna at the back.



TERRY BUTLER



JIMMY ZIRAS

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ROUND UP

BRANDT BURST

SINKS GULLY

BY NEIL JAMESON

PLAYING against a backdrop of speculation about the club's future in the NSL, Newcastle KB United carved out a 3-0 win over struggling Green Gully at the International Sports Centre.

Leading goalscorer Simon Brandt shook off the spectre of a lacklustre first half to score two sharp goals in the 51st and 75th minutes and dispel any hopes Green Gully had of collecting an away point.

Brandt made it five goals in five games when he pounced on chances knocked down from identical corners by David Jones.

The introduction of substitute, and assistant coach, Alf Stamp in the 64th minute gave Newcastle another attacking option and provided the brightest period of play.

His 87th minute run that saw him leave three defenders plus the goalkeeper before laying on the easiest of chances for Joe Senkalski, sent the sorely taxed Newcastle fans home happy.

While the score indicated Green Gully were often out of their depth, they can look back on shots by Paul Wade and Willie Vassallo that went desperately close.

Jimmy Rooney, while

wondering just what his coaching options might be, can take heart from the form of classy midfielder Paul Wade and the steadiness of centre-back Stuart Cannell.

Meanwhile the mood in the winners' dressing room was further buoyed by the stated commitment of Newcastle's senior players to "stick with the project."

And for everybody who believes the NSL needs a

Newcastle involvement, that must be good news.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Kerby, Mason, Burke, Boogaard, Senkalski, McQuarrie, McClelland (Stamp 64), Jones, Brandt.
GREEN GULLY: Denys, P. Beranic, Hogben, Short (D. Beranic 14), Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, Toal, Carter, Williams.
REFEREE: P. Rampley.
CROWD: 1,903

Heads you win! And the winner here is the Sydney City defence as it handles a raid from Sydney Croatia at King Tomislav Park.



SLICKERS BANG FIVE PAST IVAN

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SYDNEY Croatia suffered their worst defeat in three years of State League and NSL competition, losing 5-0 against a "depleted" Sydney City at King Tomislav Park.

Croatia started the game without four of their regular first team players. Steve Watson was serving a one-match suspension, striker Shane Clinch was out injured and defender Lee Sterrey and midfielder Steve Meades were used late in the game as substitutes.

The loss of Watson proved a major blow. Promoted goalkeeper Ivan Kartelo had a disastrous initiation in the first team and was to blame for at least three goals.

In the 13th minute, Wil-

lie Murray laid the ball on for Grant Lee and his 20 metre drive never looked like missing.

Ken Boden made it 2-0 in the 21st minute when his shot from an acute angle was deflected into goal on the near post by the Croatia keeper.

The midfield combination of Boden, Watson, Kay and Lee continually created chances for front-runners Murray, Fletcher and in the late stages, Rodrigues.

In the 48th minute young striker Graham Fletcher

made it 3-0 after he swooped on a miscued clearance from Croatia's



GRAEME FLETCHER

Dave Rezo to score from close range.

Willie Murray was rewarded for his efforts with a goal in the 60th minute.

Substitute striker Ean Rodrigues sealed the issue in the 83rd minute after

some fine lead-up work from Watson and Murray.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kartelo, Woods, Tomasic, Kovacic, Godzik, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Basic (Sterrey 63), Kirwan (Meades 68).

SYDNEY CITY: Pez-zano, Falconer, Robertson, Barnes, Cant, Kay (Rodrigues 78), Watson, Lee, Fletcher (De Marigny 78), Boden, Murray.

CROWD: 4,182.
REFEREE: T. Davies.

ARROWS WITH FIRE POWER

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THE artillery destroyed by the bowmen — that was the story when the South Melbourne Gunners and the Canberra Arrows replayed their round four match.

Denied by the elements on the first occasion, Len McKendry's star-studded team fell victim to a performance described by Arrows coach Doug Collins as "absolutely magic."

Frank Farina devastated South Melbourne's defence with unstoppable runs and pinpoint sharp-shooting. The Arrows led after 29 minutes when Farina was brought down in the area by Steve Blair: Steve Bryant from the spot sent Peter Laumets the wrong way.

Two minutes later, Farina scored the goal of the season. Put through by Steve Hogg, whose insertion into the backline was a master stroke, Farina stormed almost to the by-line and, inside the six yard area instead of cutting the ball back, thundered his shot between Laumets and the far post.

South captain John Yzendoorn earned a yellow card for disputing the Arrows penalty but four minutes into the second half, he had the opportunity to pull a goal back when referee Glyn Davies pointed to the spot after a foul on a South Melbourne player.

Yzendoorn's drive to the

left of Tony Franken was smothered by the swiftly-moving goalkeeper whose performance was described by Alan Davidson as "beyond belief."

The Arrows lead was extended to 3-0 when Farina's jinking run left South's defence in tatters.

Paul Lewis added punch to the visiting attack which twice hit the woodwork before Lewis evaded Hogg to give Brown an easy goal.

But South's hopes died when Egan was sent from

the field after allegedly abusing the referee when Murphy's claim for goal was disallowed for offside.

ARROWS: Franken, Jones, Hogg, Redmond, Farina, Phillips, Bryant, Brockbank, Mihailides, Sermanni, Gibson.

SOUTH: Laumets, Russell, Yzendoorn, Crino, Blair, Davidson, Murphy, Egan, Brown, Kalifatidis, Kanesoulis (Lewis 60).

REFEREE: Glyn Davies.
CROWD: 1,350.



FRANK FARINA (right)

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

BRUNSWICK JUVE 0 FOOTSCRAY 2 (McDowell, Carroll) at Giffon Oval. Crowd: 3,000.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (De Vito) **HEIDELBERG 1** (Patterson) at Norwood Oval. Crowd: 2,315.

SUNSHINE GC 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (Swan) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.

PRESTON 2 (Campbell 2) **MELB CROATIA 2** (Biskic, Gojevic) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4,500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 4 (Brown 2, Blair, Lewis) **WEST ADELAIDE 0** at Middle Park. Crowd: 4,000.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 PENRITH CITY 3 (Jackson 2, Cotton) at Richlands. Crowd: 500.

WOLLONGONG 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Katholos 2, Soper) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 2,500.

SYD CROATIA 0 SYDNEY CITY 5 (Rodrigues, Murray, Fletcher, Boden, Lee) at King Tomislav. Crowd: 4,182.

PARRA MELITA 2 (Duarte, Farrugia) **MARCONI 2** (McCulloch, Henderson) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 2,480.

BLACKTOWN 4 (Byrne 2, McLaughlin, Larkin) **CANBERRA 3** (Phillips, Bryant, Farina) at The Gabbie. Crowd: 1,210.

NEWCASTLE 3 (Brandt 2, Senkalski) **GREEN GULLY 0** at International Sports Centre. Crowd: 1,903.

ST GEORGE 2 (Marton, Barton) **LEIGHARDT 2** (Bradley 2) at St George. Crowd: 2,453.

CANBERRA 3 (Bryant, Farina 2) **STH MELBOURNE 1** (Brown) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,350 (replayed match).

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
STH MELB.	5	3	1	1	11	5	7	2	1	0	8	2	5	1	0	1	3	3	2		
BRUNSWICK	5	3	1	1	8	7	7	1	1	1	3	4	3	2	0	0	5	3	4		
MELB. CROATIA	5	2	2	1	10	8	6	1	1	0	4	2	3	1	1	1	6	6	3		
BRISBANE CITY	5	2	2	1	6	5	6	0	2	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	4	2	4		
ADELAIDE CITY	5	2	2	1	5	4	6	0	2	1	3	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	4		
PRESTON	5	1	3	1	4	4	5	1	2	0	4	3	4	0	1	1	0	1	1		
WEST ADELAIDE	5	2	1	2	5	7	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	5	3		
FOOTSCRAY	5	1	2	2	7	7	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	2	0	5	3	4		
H'BERG	5	1	2	2	5	6	4	1	1	0	4	2	3	0	1	2	1	4	1		
BRISBANE LIONS	5	1	2	2	5	9	4	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	5	3		
SUNSHINE	5	0	2	3	1	5	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1		
GREEN GULLY	5	0	1	4	3	11	1	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	2	1	6	1		
SYDNEY CITY	5	3	2	0	12	4	8	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	11	3	7		
NEWCASTLE	5	3	1	1	8	3	7	2	1	0	5	1	5	1	0	1	3	2	2		
OLYMPIC	5	2	2	1	8	4	6	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	7	2	6		
PENRITH	5	2	2	1	10	8	6	1	1	1	6	7	3	1	1	0	4	1	3		
ST GEORGE	5	2	2	1	6	4	6	2	2	0	6	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	0		
BLACKTOWN	5	2	2	1	8	7	6	1	2	0	5	4	4	1	0	1	3	3	2		
LEIGHARDT	5	2	2	1	7	6	6	2	0	1	4	3	4	0	2	0	3	3	2		
PARRA MELITA	5	2	2	1	6	5	6	1	1	1	4	4	3	1	1	0	2	1	3		
CANBERRA	5	2	0	3	12	9	4	2	0	1	8	3	4	0	0	2	4	6	0		
SYD. CROATIA	5	1	2	2	7	13	4	0	0	2	1	8	0	1	2	0	6	5	4		
MARCONI	5	1	1	3	5	8	3	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	1	2	2	5	1		
W'GONG	5	0	1	4	4	14	1	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	1	2	3	8	1		

SUPER SOCCER LIFTS LEAGUE

WITH the credibility of the NSL dragging in the dust, Saints and Apia turned in a performance that brought some sanity back into the competition.

Both teams were magnificent and when referee Jim Reeves blew the whistle to end the game at a 2-2 draw he brought to a close an afternoon of glory for the players, the coaches and indeed the referee himself.

BY

TOM ANDERSON

It was a game where good football, tremendous attitude, competitive spirit and commonsense triumphed.

If this type of thinking and attitude could be transferred to the NSL administrators, there would not be a big question mark over the future of the competition.

The counter-attacking style of football adopted by both teams was outstanding and the many cut and thrust raids gave the paying customers a menu of soccer fare they have been starved of for many a long day.

The match was fought in tremendous competitive spirit, yet there was no bloody-mindedness from any of the players and referee Jim Reeves handled the situation to perfection.

Although it was April 1, it is to be hoped that this was no April Fools Day and not a "one out job" and we have all been fooled into thinking this is the sign of things to come.

Saints grabbed the lead twice through Dez Marton (38mts) and Mark Barton (74) only to be pulled back into line by John Bradley (69m and 87m).

In the end the 2-2 draw was a fair result with Soccer the real winner on the day.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Ratcliffe, Koczka (Danaskos 72), Ricoy (Polias 82); Stone, O'Shea, Barton; Slater, Petkovski,

Marton.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Bottalico, Ziras,

Bertogna, Brown; Butler (De Ceglia 41), Gray, Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban,

Morsello.
REFEREE: Jim Reeves.
Crowd: 2,453.

DEMONS HIT FOUR WITHOUT PHIL

PHIL O'CONNOR is expected to return to the Blacktown City forward line for next week's match against St George after missing Sunday's 4-3 win over Canberra Arrows at the Gabbie Stadium.

It was the second consecutive game O'Connor has missed, being ruled out by a knee injury from training.

BY BRAD EARL

Blacktown got by without the Soccerroo star

in this match, banging in four goals in the first half.

Creative Mike McLaughlin opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a lob high over Canberra keeper Tony Franken.

Gary Byrne showed his expertise at set-pieces with a direct free-kick blasted in

low in the ninth minute, and a penalty in the 35th minute.

Blacktown's fourth goal was scored by John Larkin from close in with three minutes to go to half-time,

but Hilton Phillips quickly started Canberra's fight back with a header.

Five minutes into the second half, Frank Farina's weaving run came to an end when he was checked by Chris Dunleavy, the result being a penalty scored by Arrows captain Steve Bryant, who spurred the team's comeback.

Farina scored with 20 minutes to go, to make it 4-3, but after the game Canberra claimed that referee Gary Power was incorrect in disallowing a "goal" by

Phillips in the first half.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Rasmussen, Dunleavy, Pointer; Bourke (Palmer 73), Selva, Byrne; McLaughlin, Sandy, Larkin.

CANBERRA: Franken; Mihailidis, Jones, Redmond, Hogg; Sermanni, Gibson (Reis 61), Brockbank, Bryant; Farina, Phillips.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 1,210.

have scored another two goals.

Preston recovered their composure after the break and started to push forward.

Campbell shot his side into the lead in the 53rd minute after a superb cross by Graham Heys.

Preston appeared to relax, and in the 82nd minute they were punished when Gojevic equalised when he met a perfect ball from Jimmy Campbell.

Neither side was impressive in this draw, with Croatia showing their usual second half weakness, whereas Preston showed lack of coordination.

PRESTON: Potter, Opatinis, Petrovski, Ilioski, Dunn, McMillan (Ollerston 71), Heys, Cole, Lucchesi, Odzakov, Campbell.

MELB CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Lewis, Faulkner, Gojevic, Brogan, Campbell, Cumming, Biskic.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.
CROWD: 4,500.

MARCONI OUT OF JAIL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI managed to get out of jail and grab a 2-2 draw after Melita Eagles raced to a 2-0 lead after 29 minutes, at Melita Stadium. The match was highlighted by two penalties one to each side.

Melita scored the first goal in the 14th minute, after an excellent break down the left flank by John McKie. McKie slung a nice cross to the far post to find Dennis Duarte who smashed home from close-range.

Marconi threatened 10 minutes later when Rod Brown broke away on the left side. But as Brown entered the box, Melita's goalkeeper, Alex McPherson was too quick off his line and smothered the imminent danger.

But Marconi was to be shocked even further, when in the 29th minute, sweeper, Jovan Djordjevic, dropped Melita's Duarte in the box for referee Richard Lorenc to award a penalty. Ray Farrugia scored from the spot.

In the 32nd minute, Marconi's experienced centre-back, Tony Henderson, cracked a powerful 20 metre low free-kick, which flashed past a badly-built Melita "wall" into the right hand corner of the net. This goal was the turning point for Marconi to salvage a point.

Just eight minutes before the break, Melita's tough right-back Colin McAusland, upended Brown inside the Melita box. Tommy McCulloch scored from the penalty.

Melita should have won this match easily in the first half as they were far more enterprising. But once Marconi got out of jail, Melita lost their initiative and composure with most of their passes going astray.

Melita suffered a casualty in the 68th minute when they lost promising young striker, Wayne Farnsworth.

Farnsworth was stretched off with a damaged medial ligament to his right knee after a clash with Marconi's sweeper, Jovan Djordjevic.

Best performer for Meli-

ta was left-back, Howard Tredinnick, whilst for Marconi, McCulloch, Paul Carter and Henderson stood out.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson; McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinnick; Farrugia, Allan, Davies; Duarte, Farnsworth (Johnston 68), McKie. MARCONI: James; Carter, Henderson, Djordjevic, Rizzotto; Spanos, McCulloch, Carbone; Lowe, Brown, Jankovic (Licata 79).

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 2,460.



MIKE McLAUGHLIN (right)

McDOWELL STARS WITH A GOAL

BY GARY CUTLER

Juventus appeared to have levelled the scores a minute later, but referee Jim Fearn disallowed an Andrew Zinni goal for offside.

This was the break Footscray had been waiting for, and they took the game to the League leaders.

Footscray went further ahead when Joe Carroll latched onto a good lay-off by Jamie Paton, and his shot from the edge of the box

once again gave Keogh little chance.

Juventus, who were missing key players Joe Sweeney and Kevin Lloyd, found it difficult to penetrate Footscray's defence.

The second half began with Juventus pinning Footscray in their own half, but creating few chances.

McDowell gave an outstanding performance in the centre of the defence, and is likely to be con-

sidered for the national squad as soon as he gains permanent residence.

FOOTSCRAY: Tsigaris, McDowell, Hazabent, Tansey, Tutill, Belic, Curovic (Taylor 66), Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

BRUNSWICK JUVE: Keogh, Geramia, Swinscoe, Hird, Dowie, Rogers, Cullen, Miranda, Greco, Ward, Zinni.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
CROWD: 3,000.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS made their first appearance at the Giffon Oval only to be beaten by lowly Footscray 2-0.

Footscray got away to a dream start when Gary McDowell rose above all the defenders to head a Jim Tansey cross past the helpless Keogh.



WAYNE FARNSWORTH (right)



ROUND UP

SOUTH OVERCOME SHAKY START

SOUTH MELBOURNE overcame a shaky start to flatten West Adelaide on their way to their first major victory for the season.

A second half onslaught gave the home team a 4-0 victory over an unimpressive, inexperienced West Adelaide side.

BY
CON NIKOLOPOULOS

The loss of Charlie Egan through suspension and John Yzendoorn through injury resulted in the misfiring of the South Melbourne machine in the first half-hour.

It was during that spell that West Adelaide applied tremendous skills and upset the South Melbourne defence.

But devoid of an effective striker, West Adelaide failed to capitalise on this superiority, and gradually lost their grip on the game.

A goal by Steve Blair right on half-time set South Melbourne on their path to victory.

The home team resumed the game with increased confidence and burst into attack right from the start of the second half.

Paul Lewis celebrated his first goal for South Melbourne in the 50th minute, when he accepted a through-ball from Doug Brown.

In the 80th minute, Brown increased the margin when he outpaced the defence and shot in, and he followed up with a penalty kick two minutes from full-time.

STH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Kalafatis,



ABOVE: PAUL LEWIS (left) is challenged for the ball.

Kanesoulis, Lewis, Crino, Kalambokis (Kakos 32), Brown, Murphy.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Heirn, Honeyman, McGachey, McGregor, Konstantopoulos, Stamatiopoulos, Panagis, Malavazos, Atsalas, Papadopoulos.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. **CROWD:** 4,000.

HEIDELBERG CAN THANK OLVER

TEN Heidelberg men from the 71st minute withstood an onslaught from Adelaide City to go home with a 1-1 draw from Norwood Oval.

And they can thank goalkeeper Jeff Olver for keeping the score down to 1-0 at half-time.

Then applause must go to Scott Patterson, who had done very little until the 63rd minute, when he exploded with a run into the box to blast the ball past Willie McNally, who had no chance in the City goal.

BY TOM McKAIN

Earlier, Pat De Vito had made it 1-0 in the 21st minute after Olver had blocked a shot from Sergio Melta but could not hold the ball.

Joe Angele was sent off by referee Tony Martell after a high tackle on City captain and sweeper Bugsy Nyskohus.

Angele's boot met Nyskohus on the jaw, and he was out for 30 seconds.

While Angele did not mean such a vicious tackle, he had to go.

Nyskohus recovered and soldiered on, but was obviously concussed.

City can blame themselves for not collecting two

points. The chances were there in the first 20 minutes for Melta, Mark Gatenby, Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell.

At the other end, Angele had a shot blocked, and in the second period, Theo Selemidis was thwarted by McNally.

Adelaide City's Neville Flounders and Heidelberg's central striker Steve Winn were lucky not to be sent off in a 10 minute spell before Angele went off.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Cecere, Flounders, Melta, Gatenby, De Vito, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Yankos, McLeod, Gabrielson, Selemidis, Valentine, Winn (Metaxas 84), Patterson, Vagias (Petersen 78), Angele.

REFEREE: T. Martell. **CROWD:** 2,315.

SWAN SINKS SUNSHINE

BY ROGER VERNON

A FIRST half goal by Ken Swan added to the misery of NSL newcomers Sunshine George Cross as Brisbane City recorded a 1-0 victory.

The Melbourne team once again displayed too many weaknesses.

They pushed forward and for a period of time in the first half forced Brisbane City into defence, but the lack of effective strikers prevented any goals.

As coach Tommy Traynor commented after the game: "Unless the club recruits two players in the weeks to come it will

continue to struggle in the National League."

Brisbane City were the more composed side, particularly in attack, and Swan managed to push the ball in right on half-time.

Although their performance was not brilliant, City proved once again that if the breaks go their way they will figure well in the 1984 NSL.

George Cross were short of ideas in attack, constantly crossing high centres which were easily dealt with by the Queenslanders.

Kim Wishart in the Brisbane City goal was his usual capable self and was always able to cope with what the Sunshine front line could send in his direction.

KATHOLOS SHOWS HIS CLASS

BY PHIL MURPHY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC scored twice in three minutes early in the second half to seal an impressive 3-0 win over Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground.

Olympic led 1-0 at half-time, and the inexperienced Wolves team had done well to keep the game so close to that stage.

This inexperience showed up when Peter Katholos was allowed far too much space to receive a free-kick from Jim Patikas after 30 minutes.

Katholos was able to pick his spot and hammer a low drive past reinstated goalkeeper Natch Vardareff.

Three minutes after the interval, Katholos showed his class yet again to run on to a long through ball and steer it home.

Before Wollongong City could recover, Peter Raskopoulos sent over a cross from the left wing for Marshall Soper to steer home number three.

Olympic had the Wollongong defence struggling throughout the second half, and it wasn't until the 80th

minute that their goalkeeper Gary Meier was called on to make a save.

Olympic had all the poise, and looked good when they went forward, and could easily have won by a bigger margin.

Without regular strikers Peter Beggs and Glenn Fontana, in addition to midfielder Brian Condon, the Wolves kept plugging away without ever looking a threat.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Kerr, Gaffney, Isedale, Hristovski (Farrell 70), Kotamanides, Bundalo, Kukulovski (Baker 85).

OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Lambropoulos, Coady, Phillips, Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Soper, Kalantzis (Naumov 45).

REFEREE: D. Rennie. **CROWD:** 2,500

JACKSON LEADS PENRITH CHARGE

BY MARK BRIGDEN

TWO second half goals by Penrith striker Brian Jackson gave the League newcomers a 3-0 win at Richlands and sent last year's wooden-spooners Brisbane Lions tumbling back towards the bottom of the table.

After a great start to the season that saw Lions go undefeated for three rounds, the Brisbane team had no answer to Penrith in the second half, and the Sydneysiders ran Lions ragged.

Former Wollongong striker Roy Cotton put the first nail into the Lions' coffin before half-time when he ran on to a near post David McIntosh flick to head in from one metre.

With a 1-0 half-time lead under their belt, Penrith took control in the second half, and Cotton, Ian Wotherspoon, David Fitzharris and Jackson hit top form and combined to be a deadly attacking machine.

Jackson got the first of his pair in the 64th minute thanks to some good lead-up work from Wotherspoon, who is fast stamping himself as the find of the season.

He took the ball from a throw-in, beat two Lions players and crossed low into the penalty area where Jackson got the vital touch.

Four minutes later, Penrith broke quickly after a Lions corner, to have the home defence caught short and out of position.

Fitzharris played a perfect long ball to Ian Hunter wide on the right, and his pass into the centre confused the Lions defence, who could only play the ball into the path of the rampant Jackson, who cracked his shot past keeper Wayne Evans from close range.

New signing Mick Gerritsen pressured the defence, but was unable to convert several difficult chances, while his striking partner Danny Wright was out of touch.

Jackson could have finished with a hat-trick had he successfully put away a penalty in the 71st minute, when Cotton was brought down by keeper Evans.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson (Cork 84), McClurg, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, (McDonagh 57), Gerritsen, Daunt, Wright.

PENRITH: Freeman, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Lindsay (Colusso 78), Wotherspoon, Fitzharris, Hunter, Cotton, Jackson.

REFEREE: B. Montverde. **CROWD:** 500.



BRIAN JACKSON: two-goal hero

CHIT CHAT



ADRIAN ALSTON, former Socceroo and English First Division forward with Luton Town, predicts a big future for Wollongong City's 17-year-old attacking midfielder Alex Bundalo.

PETER WILSON, in the NSW squad to play Queensland in Brisbane on April 29 as goalkeeper along with Socceroo Terry Greedy, has made one appearance for his State.

That was in 1980 when his club Sydney Olympic was in State League, and the State team consisted of State League players only. Opponents Victoria had NSL players and ran away with the result.

Wilson, who left Wollongong at 17 before National League Soccer was available there, has shared the first-team spot at Olympic with Gary Meier ever since.

He gives Meier, his senior by five years, a deal of credit for coaching him earlier in his career. Last year Ron Corry was his goalkeeping coach and this year Jim Fraser is handling the job.

No wonder Peter Wilson can see big possibilities ahead.

MANECAS, the Portuguese Gerry Chaldi imported for West Adelaide, made a comeback against Footscray.

But word is the all-rounder will be used only in emergencies as he is way behind in fitness compared to the rest of the team.

However, he is assured of regular games in the club's reserve line-up which plays in the SA State League First Division competition.

LES CARTER, who quit Adelaide City and signed for Green Gully, could be joined soon by another former teammate.

Stewart Blair, a midfielder with SA's Azzurri, then West Adelaide, then Adelaide City and now back with Azzurri again, is moving to Victoria.

He has had a job promotion and coach Jimmy Rooney is keen to sign the former Scottish professional.

LEICHHARDT Apia coach Fil Bottalico was particularly anxious for a good result when his team met St George on Sunday.

"St George are the champions and everyone wants to beat the champions," said Bottalico before the match.

"In the old days, when Apia were Australia's top team, every team went flat out to beat us... for the same reason," added Bottalico.

That was a long time ago!

ROBBIE O'SHEA's broken leg seems destined to keep him out of action for a long time.

The boy will have the leg in plaster for 10 weeks and will then need another five weeks or so before playing.

"I'm not optimistic about seeing Robbie back before August," lamented St George coach Frank Arok.

ST GEORGE's Robbie Slater was surprised to see a friend on TV recently in the Nottingham Forest — Aston Villa UK match.

Robbie's mate, 18 year old full-back Des Walker, was having only his second game in Forest's first XI.

"Des and I shared the same lodgings when I was at Forest. Brian Clough had a very high opinion of him," said Slater.

WEST ADELAIDE's John Panagis must be wondering when it will all end.

First he got over a shocking hip injury, then he suffered a groin complaint. Now the young midfielder has a shin injury which looks like recurring unless he stands down for a couple of weeks.

WHEN former youth international defender Roy Jones wrote off his car in accident in Canberra and escaped serious injury, Arrows coach Doug Collins thought that the lanky youngster would miss the first South Melbourne match, if not more games.

But they reckoned without the gutsy determination of the lad, who passed a fitness test before the match to take his place and thus relieve a further defensive problem for Collins, caused by a shoulder injury to Paul Ontong.

MARCONI's youth league manager, Livio Sartoretto, has resigned from his position to take up the secretarial job of the new Marconi Supporters' club.

Livio organises the Marconi match programme and is heavily involved with the promotional gear on sale by the Supporters' club.

The Supporters' club has, as its president, Marconi stalwart, Joe Morzi.

They have built a stand for their members on the ground and make a big noise supporting their team.

NO names, but we're told this is true.

A referee booked a player, and when he was asked: "What for ref?" back came the reply: "Your brother's been running around kicking everyone in sight."

EYEBROWS were raised when it became known that Inter-Monaro had trespassed into Canberra Arrows territory by hiring Bruce Stadium for its opening NSW League match against Auburn.

With redevelopment work taking place at the Marco Polo Field at Queanbeyan and the headquarters of the Canberra Raiders Rugby League team (Seiffert Oval) unavailable, Bruce Stadium was the logical venue.

Inter-Monaro has played there on many occasions in past seasons.

And the feelings of the team were summed up by one former Canberra Arrows player who said: "We're fighting to preserve Soccer in this area as fans have come to know and support it." The attendances gained by Monaro in coming weeks will prove whether those who no longer support the Arrows will find in the State League team what they are missing.

TONY BOSKOVIC was booked to give a talk to Sydney City players on the Laws of the Game, but had to postpone it at the last minute.

Next day, City had three players sent off against Sydney Olympic.

City coach Eddie Thomson said: "It's a pity Bosko couldn't make it — we might have avoided a few problems!"

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has secured television coverage for the Queensland-New South Wales clash at Perry Park on April 29.

Highlights of the game will be shown on Channel 7 later that night but QSF officials still expect a bigger gate than last year.

With all NSL matches, local games and junior football suspended for the weekend, the interstate match will be the only game of Soccer in Brisbane.



ATTI ABONYI (right) enjoys a drink with Sydney Croatia president Tony Topic.

ATTI ABONYI is a coach who was prepared to work his way through the ranks, and his record speaks volumes for his thoroughness to date.

In 1978 and 1979 he took Croatia to the State

League championship, and then repeated the dose with Melita Eagles the following year.

By 1982 he had lifted the now-defunct Riverwood from 8th to equal first with Croatia, mis-

sing the title on goal difference.

With Canberra Arrows last year he took over with 18 games to go and the team finished 10th in the 16-team NSL.

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Green Gully coach Jimmy Rooney pictured (second left) as Australian captain.

DAVIES — A MAN FOR ALL CLUBS

BY BRAD EARL

"THERE are more press writers in here than players," John Davies said in the Parramatta Melita dressing-room after their National League draw with Blacktown City.

"You're in the big-time now," was my swift reply . . . before realising that for Davies it is a case of "been there, done that".

Davies, like several players this year, has been given a second chance in the NSL with the increase in teams from 16 to 24.

He drifted between clubs in the last three years, after being one of the bright, up-and-coming youngsters in the National League in the late 1970s.

This year, Melita coach Raul Blanco—who was in charge of St George when Davies was there in the

club's disastrous 1980 season—decided that he wanted the skilful midfielder.

And Blanco's faith in him has been rewarded with some good performances, particularly in the Eagles' match against Leichhardt in which Davies set up both

goals in a 2-1 win.

Confidence

"He has regained his confidence, and is now back to his best," Blanco said. "He has settled in very well."

Davies agrees that things have gone well for him this year.



Davies played with Canberra City when they attracted large crowds to the Bruce Stadium, as in this game against Adelaide City. Davies is pictured right (No 6).

"I'm finding my feet a little bit again. I've been a bit unfortunate in the past," he said.

"My aim this year is to play well with Melita, and get back to being consistent in the top competition."

Inconsistency may have been the biggest fault in Davies' game earlier in his career.

He attracted much attention—including that of former Australian team bosses Jimmy Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf—with some sparkling performances.

Arriving in Australia from England, he settled in Canberra with his family and played junior Soccer there.

He trained with Everton in his native Liverpool when he was 15 and 18, and on the second trip also spent time in Spain with the famous Real Madrid club.

In 1976, he was snapped up by Sydney Croatia. The following year, the National League commenced and, with Croatia in State League, Davies was a "wanted" player.

Boom

John Warren, Canberra City's manager-coach, was determined to bring this young "prospect" back to Canberra. But Croatia weren't letting him go cheaply.

Eventually, Warren's brother Geoff stepped in to "buy" Davies' contract to allow him to play for Canberra, and he experienced the boom days of Soccer in

the national capital.

"That was a most enjoyable time, and under John Warren we attracted crowds of 8,000 or 9,000 in Canberra," Davies recalled.

Since joining St George in 1980, John Davies' career has been topsy-turvy, being associated with five clubs.

In 1981, he was a regular member of the Saints' State League team under Frank Arok, and played in their Grand Final-winning side.

However, the following season back in the National League, Davies only lasted half a dozen games before Arok dropped him in favour of youngster Robbie Slater.

A planned move to Marconi backfired, and he played the season out with Atti Abonyi's Riverwood side back in State League.

In 1983, Davies played the opening game of the season with Marconi, but once again the transfer didn't go through.

"At that stage I was a little bit fed up and disillusioned with football. All I wanted was to play," John said.

He bought his contract out for \$2,000, and signed for Blacktown City under coach Casey De Bruin.

"That gave me the freedom to do what I wanted, and that's nice. I'm still a free agent."

Enthusiasm

"I thought under Casey at Blacktown I could get my enthusiasm back. I enjoyed my time there," Davies said.

"They're a good bunch of lads and Casey's a good coach, but I don't think the side suited me."

Davies was sent off for the first time while at Blacktown, and ironically it was in the top-of-the-table battle against Melita.

Now at 26, engaged, and having been employed for three years as a panelbeater, John seems set for a good future.

In his younger days, he drifted in and out of jobs, spending time on the beach, and concentrating on his Soccer.

"I wanted to give my football a good push, and I trained every morning. I hoped that it would benefit me football-wise, but unfortunately it didn't."

"I have no regrets. At the time I thought it was worth it, and it was, as I was in line for national team selection."

"I had a bad ankle which required four operations, and I feel I have done well to work and get back to playing at the top level, particularly as I was told a couple of times to stop playing."

Although he doesn't regard himself as an international player, he appeared in a full international for Australia in an ignominious defeat to Hong Kong.

He says that at the time many players were being tried out in the national team. He still believes he can make the Socceroo team, as long as he can add that important ingredient to his game . . . consistency.

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ASW Personalities

PIMBLETT IS DESPERATE TO LEAD QLD

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY midfielder Frank Pimblett wants to captain Queensland in the interstate clash against New South Wales at Perry Park on April 29.

Pimblett led the Maroons to a 3-0 win over NSW at Perry Park last May but less than two months later his career took an alarming downturn.

At first Pimblett lost the Brisbane City captaincy to Frank Liddell as the then-Gladiators coach Jim Hermiston felt Pimblett's game was slipping.

But a few weeks later came the ultimate blow when Hermiston dropped Pimblett and told him he was no longer required to attend training. Hermiston said he was rebuilding the City team and the 27-year-old Pimblett did not fit in

with his youth plans.

Pimblett completely drifted out of Soccer for more than six months and was not seen again until new City coach Joe Gilroy enticed him back for pre-season training this year.

"It has been hard to get back to top fitness because during the time I was away from Soccer I did absolutely nothing. I was way out of condition when I came back," Pimblett said.

"But I have been working hard at my fitness and my game and I think I am proving each week. I have set the State captaincy as an aim because I know to be

selected I will have to be back to my best.

"It is a personal target for me to work for but even if someone else is picked to captain Queensland I won't be worried. I just want to be in the team because it is a tremendous feeling playing for the State.

"Representative games help break up the season and a lot of players look towards them. Everyone in the Queensland squad has been training hard and we desperately want to beat NSW to prove it was no fluke last year," Pimblett said.

BATTLE OF THE YOUNG COACHES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

TWO of the NSL's most troubled clubs, Sydney City and Newcastle KB, will clash at the Sydney Athletic Field next Sunday in what promises to be a hard tussle between two of the NSL's youngest coaches, Eddie Thomson and Ken Kaiser.

Both teams had healthy wins last Sunday when Sydney City cracked in five goals against Croatia, whilst Newcastle smashed Green Gully 3-0.

Thomson will rely heavily on his magic attacking midfielder, Kenny Boden, who seems to get better every year, despite constant rumours that he is retiring.

Thomson recently has had to promote into the NSL side youngsters like Ean Rodrigues and Graeme Fletcher.

Meanwhile, Kaiser has had his own set of problems to contend with as constant talks surround the club's existence in the NSL.

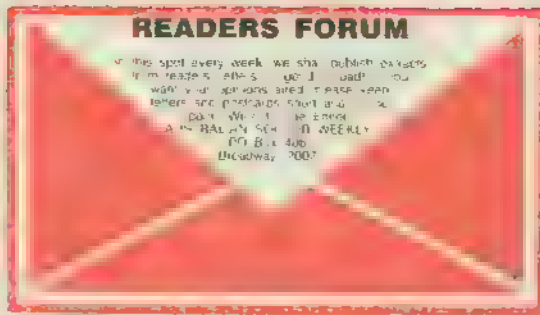
Kaiser has achieved nothing short of a miracle, fielding a side and keeping up team morale.

It is fair testimony to his coaching prowess that KB now sits in second place on the table.

First place, of course, is filled, as usual, by their opponents next Sunday, Sydney City Slickers.



KENNY BODEN



No stars

JOE WATSON'S article about the standard of play here in Australia rather surprised me with its pessimistic view.

I thought that journalists and all who run the game here were obliged to show a false optimism about its future. One must ignore the fact that in the second round of matches in the NSL the average attendance at the 12 games was 2,500. Being optimistic about that is like being on a sinking liner and saying that it's all right, there are plenty of lifeboats.

All over the world attendances are shrinking and all because of the same reason — people are not being entertained. One director of an English club said last season that when he went to the match on Sunday it was like watching a repeat of last week's game.

I have watched English, Italian, American and Australian Soccer on TV, and the pattern of play is identical in all of them.

All the thrills, excitement, skills, adventure and the elements of chance have been removed from the game and substituted by possession football, slow build-ups, two-man forward lines and clogged defences.

All a player needs to know now are the basic skills, heading, passing

and passing with either foot. Coaches want teamwork — not stars. Goalkeepers have been given the freedom of the penalty area and every time they get possession the game comes to a standstill.

With only two or three forwards there is now no combined wing play, and dribbling through a wall of defences is a sheer impossibility.

This all came about by the European influence on the game and only Europeans and their progeny watch it here. Australians won't have a bar of it. If an Australian were to go to Olympic Park or Middle Park the babble of foreign languages all around him would make him feel a stranger in his own country.

W McARTHUR
Brunswick Nth, Vic

Better deal

First of all may I congratulate Vic Heath of Dulby, ACT, for his excellent letter in your March 13 issue.

Mr Heath whom I have since been in contact with is echoing the sentiments of the majority of Soccer followers in the ACT and surrounding districts.

Canberra is supposedly the "Capital" of Australia. Could any sports follower imagine Wembley Stadium not staging a Soccer international?

Some people argue that we would not get sufficient

support here to stage such games I say poppycock.

Recently we had the West Indies cricketers playing in Canberra and the ground at Manuka Oval was filled to capacity.

A few seasons ago we were entertained at the Bruce Stadium by the visiting Czechoslovakian Soccer team and had a crowd of more than 13,000.

Mr Heath and myself would like Canberra residents to form a committee for a better deal for the Canberra Soccer supporters. We want to see Canberra given the status it deserves, that of the "National Capital" and therefore should receive an equal share of international Soccer matches.

DEREK ROBINSON,
Ainslie, ACT

Money

The case for the Soccer players:

All the experts(?) are out to cut the Soccer players' wages to the minimum, believing by doing so all the money problems will be solved, the clubs will become healthy and everything in Soccer will be rosy.

Questions: If the players' money is reduced, will this be fair to the players? Will this be fair to the spectators? And most of all, will the game be able to attract (and keep) the best players? (one case very recently, Terry Greedy, St. George's).

How much is too much? Take Sydney Olympic players.

By the media they are millionaires by the newspapers the most any player earned last year was \$2,000, the not-so lucky \$4,000 to \$5,000. We pay them as part timers — we demand them to perform like professionals.

Some of these players are in Soccer since eight years old — it is their life. Their parents spent up to \$400 dollars a year, to send them

to special camps, because they were committed to Soccer. Many players of the same quality of Katholos, Raskopoulos, Kay, Gomez, Patikas, Dakos, Koussas... were not so lucky. They were sent to school or to learn a trade, their parents bought books and trade tools not Soccer boots.



Mark Koussas

From 1972 to 1976, I was coaching the Western Suburbs representative team. In my team I had players today playing NSL — Ian Gray, Mark Brown, Robert De Ceglie, Jimmy Patikas and Mark Koussas. More boys were equal (if not better) to the above, they never made it in Soccer but in their profession or trade earn more than the Soccer players and they will keep earning more for the years to come.

The Soccer players would be lucky if they earn a good living for eight to 10 years. Add to all these bad injuries (Moulis, Lynch) and personality conflicts with coaches or administrators, and then tell me if the Soccer players are overpaid.

I think they are overdue for a rise.

ARIS PATIKAS,
Ashfield, NSW

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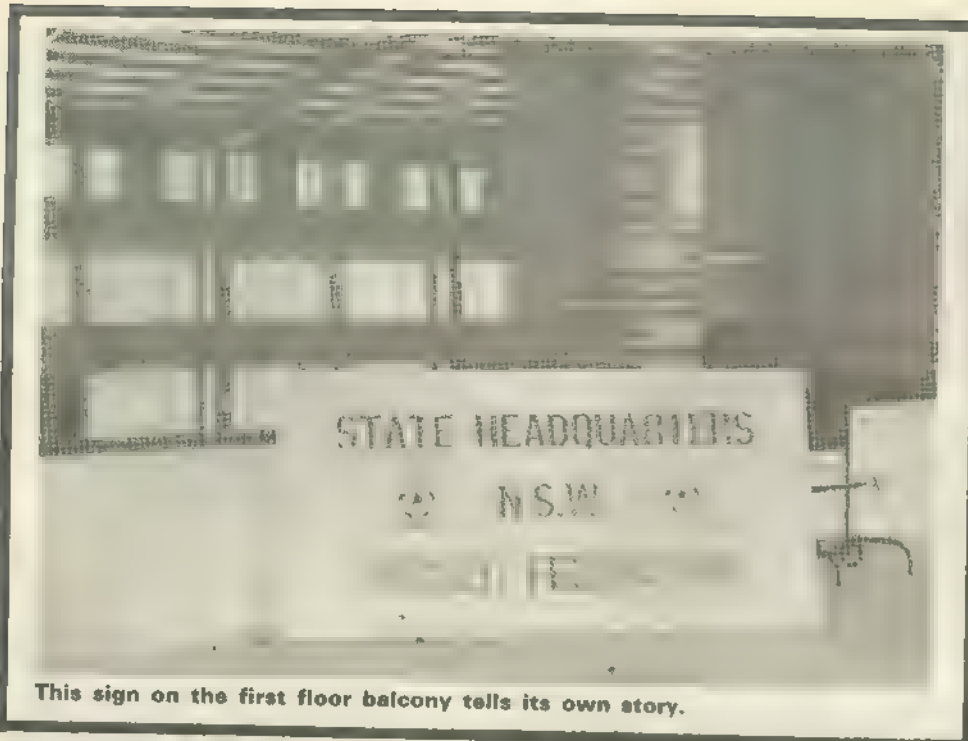
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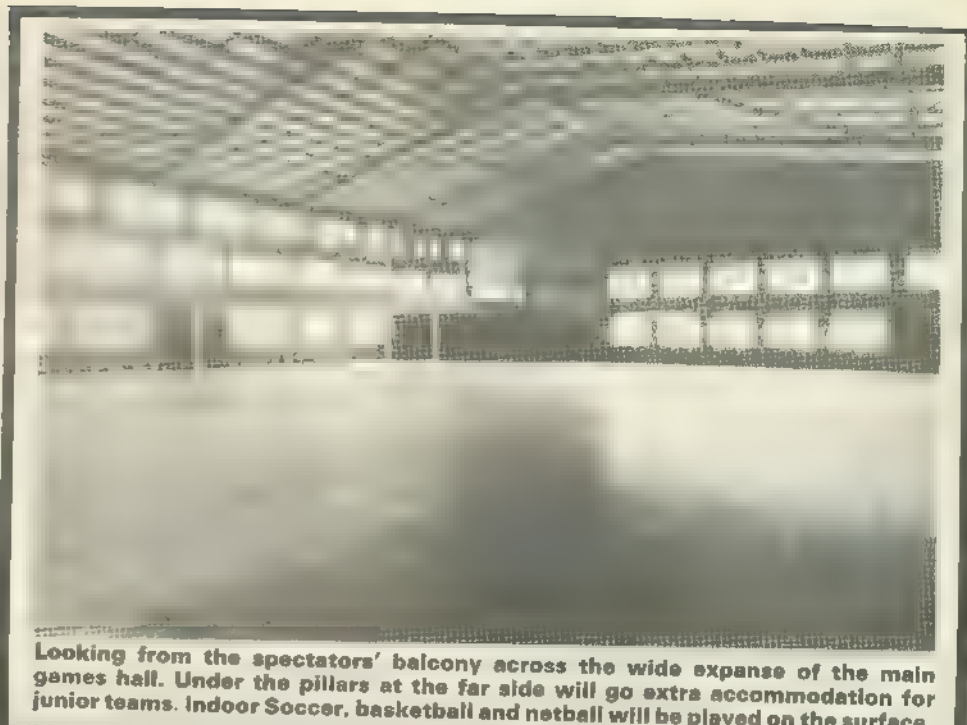
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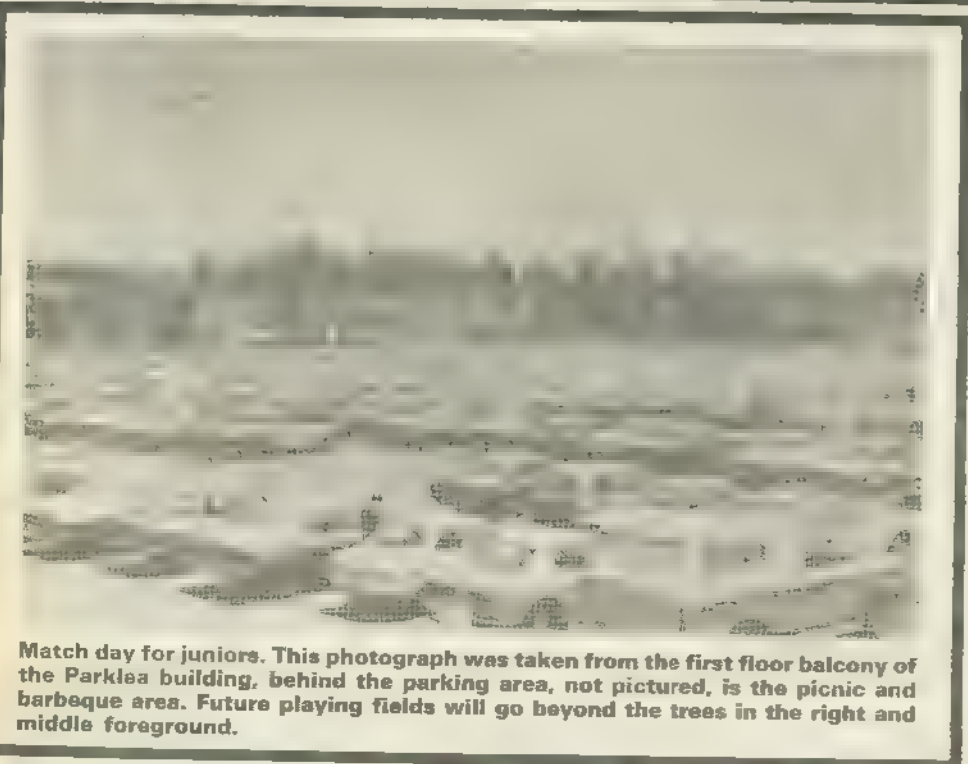
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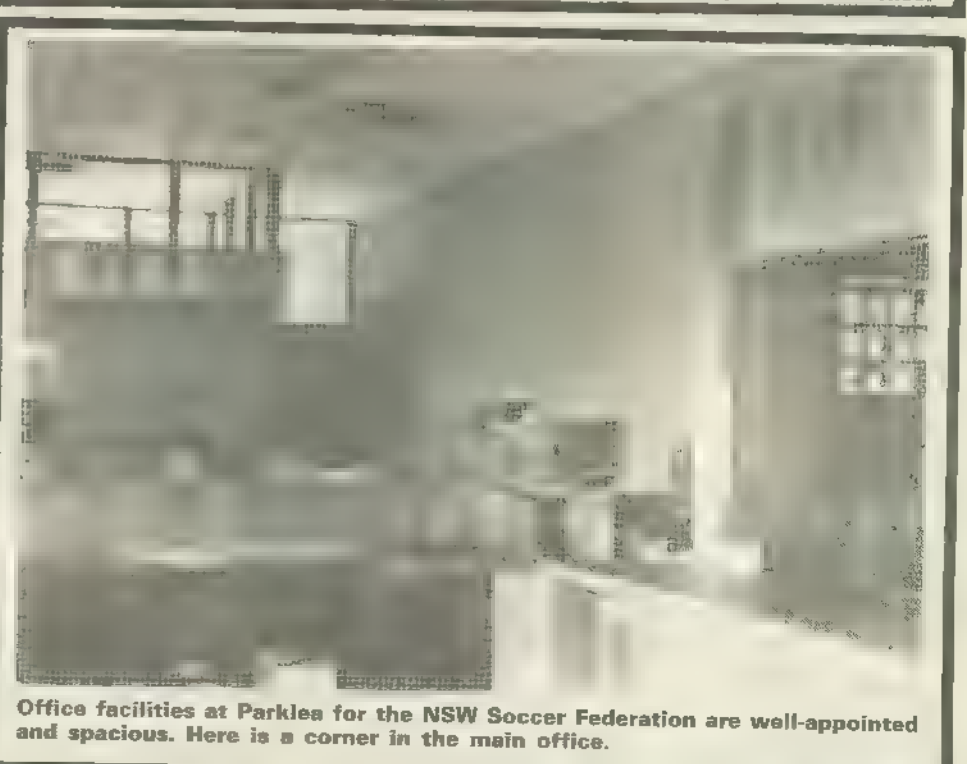
This sign on the first floor balcony tells its own story.



Looking from the spectators' balcony across the wide expanse of the main games hall. Under the pillars at the far side will go extra accommodation for junior teams. Indoor Soccer, basketball and netball will be played on the surface.



Match day for juniors. This photograph was taken from the first floor balcony of the Parklea building, behind the parking area, not pictured, is the picnic and barbecue area. Future playing fields will go beyond the trees in the right and middle foreground.



Office facilities at Parklea for the NSW Soccer Federation are well-appointed and spacious. Here is a corner in the main office.

NO MORE CHICKEN SHEDS

PARKLEA HAS ARRIVED

BY KEITH GILMOUR

FROM chicken sheds to a modern sports complex — Parklea has come all the way.

And over the years the guiding hand for all this progress has been Charles Valentine.

To say that does not dis-

credit the work put in by so many others — but Charlie has been the originator, financier and arranger extraordinaire.

With his soft American

drawl coming through just as easily as ever, he can quote almost every figure, past, present and future concerning the entire project.

At this stage it provides the headquarters of the NSW Soccer Federation, three new sports fields and various other amenities.

If Charles has his way it will have a \$600,000 accommodation block to house the national team, extra grounds, a floodlit main ground to handle senior night matches, and four extra fields.

Field days

Thanks to the support of the local government engineers, successful field

days for earthmoving machinery have been held on the property.

The present three playing areas have been laid out free of charge — probably \$100,000 worth of work.

Two more grounds will be prepared by the same means in 1985 and two more the following year.

Even then 30 of the 65 acres will still be undeveloped.

At present there is the main complex with its large indoor playing courts, offices, shop, storage space, dining room, kitchen and caretaker's flat.

The indoor playing area covers Soccer, basketball and netball.

Recent advances were made when the NSW Minister for Sport, Michael Cleary, allocated \$80,000 to the project.

The gym floor alone cost

\$40,000, with the balance going to provide carpets, basketball facilities, safety rails and a commercial lawn mower.

For every one dollar invested Charles Valentine has managed to squeeze out two dollars worth of value.

Close by is his wife Joan, who has worked unceasingly in the canteen.

Invaluable

His right-hand-man so often has been Eric Arneil, whose talents in the building trades and in particular as a plumber and drainer have been invaluable.

The entire property once belonged to Charles and his brother Richard and was used for chicken farming.

In fact the original accommodation was in up-graded chicken sheds, which are now a thing of the past.

Buddy, Buddies! Charles Valentine, with cap, arm in arm with long time Parklea supporter and caretaker Eric Arneil. They represent an unbeatable combination on the job.

Apart from the sheer size of the building and the project, the visitor must be struck by the high quality of the construction.

Inside and out, the main building is built in three tones of very attractive bricks, which contribute greatly to its attractiveness.

Later the NSW Amateur Federation will have its office, which has been set aside and includes an excellent storage section.

At this stage playing facilities will be devoted to training, coaching and matches, rather than to a stadium-type development.

Support

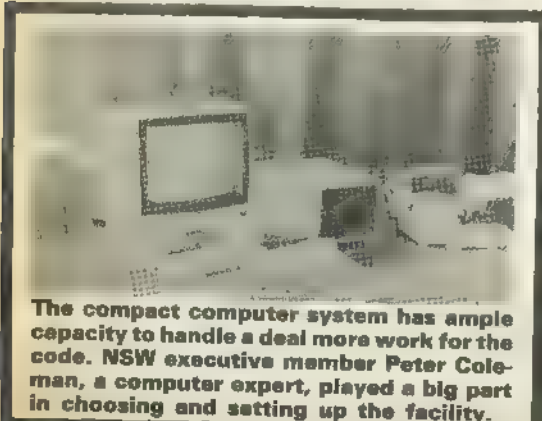
The project has been a

costly one for many clubs, and from this year it will receive the support of the NSW Amateur Federation as well.

It stands as a shining beacon to what can be done under all sorts of circumstances, and thousands of boys from the city and country will find that it contributes to their development in Soccer.

Applications are coming in for continued use of the ground, the latest being from the local Baulkham Hills Sports Club.

Coaches responsible for putting State teams together are finding advantages in putting all their prospective players together on the grounds.



The compact computer system has ample capacity to handle a deal more work for the code. NSW executive member Peter Coleman, a computer expert, played a big part in choosing and setting up the facility.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

SAINTS STAY IN LEAD

BY PETER RUSSELL

ST GEORGE maintained their lead at the top of the NSL Youth League with a narrow 2-1 victory over Leichhardt.

Sydney City moved back into second place with a comfortable 4-2 victory away to Croatia, whilst Olympic moved back into scoring form with a 5-1 win over the Wolves down the Coast. Melita Eagles grabbed a last-gasp winner to defeat Marconi 3-2, whilst the shock of the round must have been the Demons 1-0 victory over the free-scoring Canberra Arrows at the Gabbie Stadium.

In that game it was a 25th minute goal from Ashley Palmer that won the game for the Demons, when he cut in and beat a defender before firing in a cracker into the top corner of the net.

The Demons had dominated to this stage but then lapsed and allowed the Arrows back into the game. Their forward-line, led by Mams Lamond, forced Blacktown on the defensive for the remainder of the half.

The second half was fairly even with limited chances and both defences on top.

At the Wollongong Showground, the visitors Olympic showed no mercy to the luckless Wolves.

Despite opening the scoring through Tony Corridum in the 25th minute and holding Olympic to 1-1 (Terry Patalis 24th) in an even first half, they collapsed in the second half when Olympic added goals through Leon Gardikiotis (60th and 70th), Alex Koussas (63rd) and Nick Theodorakopoulos (75th).

At Melita Stadium, the Eagles grabbed a last-gasp winner through Paul Andriopoulos in the 89th minute for Marconi.

Despite the presence of Carrizo and Peter Shame, the Fairfielders were unable to stem the tide of white shirts as the Eagles piled on the pressure.

Melita hit an early lead with goals from Biral Serrbas (13th) and Tony Lewis (15th), but poor finishing deprived them of a comfortable win. A 30th minute goal by Marconi's Zlavko Markovski made things uncomfortable for them until the last minute.

Despite fielding a depleted side through NSL team suspensions, the Sicklers were too strong for the

inexperienced Croatia at King Tomislav, with goals from new boys Brian Cokely and Tony Parish in the 20th and 56th minutes, and Graeme Paterson (55th) and Nelio Borges (80th).

John Peulic (59th) and Slavko Dunic replied for the gutsy Croatsians.

At St George Stadium, the Saints had the better of the play in the first half of their match against Leichhardt, and despite the visitors having one goal chalked off for an infringement, the Saints led at the break through Craig Moffitt in the 40th minute.

The second half was fairly even with chances limited and most attempts at scoring made from long range.

With both keepers, Leichhardt's Bob Catlin and Saints Warwick Young, in good form, the scoreline was restricted to Bruno Beddomi (Leichhardt) 60th minute and Dave Batten (St George) 77th minute.

NEXT WEEK

Sat April 7

AIS v St George (1pm Bruce Stadium)

Sun April 8:

Blacktown v St George (1pm Gabbie)

Canberra v Melita (1pm Bruce Stadium)

Marconi v Leichhardt (1pm Marconi)

Sydney City v Newcastle (1pm Sydney Athletic)

Olympic v Penrith (1pm St George)

Tues April 10:

Wollongong v Croatia (6pm Dapto)



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This article dealing with two of Europe's best players appeared in a recent issue of the International Herald Tribune.



RUMMENIGGE in action against Italy in the 1982 World Cup final. The German is now off to play club football in Italy.

Hungary's Good Bad Boy Is Up for Sale

International Herald Tribune

LONDON—Wanted: Offers in excess of \$1 million invited for reformed errant genius of Hungarian soccer.

• Rare opportunity to acquire genuine blue-eyed blond artist with locksmith's skills to open any defense.

• Slimmed-down physique (5-foot7½ and 148 pounds — 1.72 meters and 67.1 kilograms — at best).

• Not overplayed because of frequent suspensions.

• Born 1 May 1955, recently settled in marriage.

• Willing to travel anywhere west.

• Fan of Rod Stewart and fried chicken but could adapt to pasta.

• References: 43 internationals, including 12 goals.

• Available end of current season or following Cup Winners' Cup campaign.

• Call Miklos Temesvari, manager/coach of Ujpest Dozsa, Hungary.

Little of the above is spoof.

Andras Torocsik, having passed the communist countries' customary release age of 28, is for auction subject to the million-dollar ransom demanded by his soccer federation.

The announcement represents a tantalizing challenge, not only to "Toro" but also to the last of Europe's big-spending clubs. For Torocsik is, or has been, the great enigma of his time: a talent so pure he evokes comparison with the magical Magyars of the 1950s grafted onto the spoiled, latter-day pop-star image that many players have acquired.

His fleet-footed movements have been so exquisitely balanced that we've sat and drooled. There are not a handful of players who could imagine, never mind execute, his repertoire.

Yet how many times have we despaired of him?

How often have we seen the man's mind disengaged, the stomach round and flabby, the star eclipsing himself?

When he is on song — and even when his tune decidedly offends — there is no need to go looking for Torocsik.

His face, beneath a haircut on which Princess Diana might have modeled hers, stares innocently

ROB HUGHES

from shop windows in Budapest, the photographs helping sell everything from products from soap powder to toothpaste.

Yet many believe he has no right to be playing for his country. Added to suspensions (two of them "for life") levied but invariably lifted because of his quicksilver skills, he has twice been involved in serious car accidents.

He has lost his licence under the admittedly severe Hungarian laws but was exceedingly lucky in not having gone to prison for drunk driving.

This season, we are told, the wayward son is reformed. His displays are consistent, Ujpest Dozsa is powering its way toward the Cup Winner's Cup semifinals and when Hungary needs him he is fit, sharp and determined.

Perhaps the thought of this thus summer's release, along with the pull of the bra, peseta or deutschmark, is helping sharpen his concentration.

Perhaps the presence of a good lady at his side steadies the irascible impulses.

Perhaps Temesvari, his coach and former schoolteacher, has the right blend of sensitivity and discipline.

Perhaps all of those (and perhaps none), it may just be that Torocsik's wildest oats are by now sown

and maturity is bringing him the realization that the years are few now in which to capitalize on God's gifts.

He has probably left his injudicious years too late to join the exodus of world stars to Italy.

The door in Italy closes on imported talents for three years following the end of this season, and it would take an optimistic gambler indeed to pay out billions of lire for anyone not tried and trusted in character and physique.

Torocsik hasn't time to prove that kind of resilience. But he is class, and his name surely will be sounded in Vienna following the superb example being set at FK Austria by Tibor Nyilasi, the Hungarian captain.

Whether Austria can afford a million dollars is another matter. Who can these days when the West Germans, the English and all bar the Italians are finding that bankruptcy is a dangerously close-lying bedfellow to success based on the inflationary wages and transfer fees of the last decade?

Since I will never be in a position to contemplate spending a million dollars on anything, I can afford to indulge in the spirited belief that I would, to save one of the finest talents of our game, take the chance on Torocsik. We know what the body can do if the mind gives it half a chance, and under new incentives there is just time enough to help Torocsik turn the corner that George Best, for one, always found beyond him.

Meanwhile, turning the most familiar corner of the past three years, Karl-Heinz Rummennigge is preparing to pack up and and sell to the Italians.

He is the same age as Torocsik, already a millionaire (thanks to a supreme scoring nose, a dedication few in any walk of life surpass and, of course, the luck of having been born on the capitalist side of the German divide).

MONARO'S NEW RECRUITS

FARRELL AND BRENNAN SIGN

BY BERNIE HARRIS

INTER-MONARO has continued with its rebuilding programme leading up to the start of the NSW State League season with the signing of former Canberra Arrows players, Tony Brennan and Isaac Farrell.

They will be reunited with several former teammates including Sebastiao Gampaolo and Walter Valeri. Indeed, Inter-Monaro is starting to look a lot like a Canberra Arrows-in-exile.

Brennan had to take the drastic step of saying out his own contract from the Arrows to become a free agent and then offered his services to Inter.

Arrows coach Doug Collins made it plain that there was no spot for Brennan in his squad unless he signed a new contract.

Brennan viewed the terms offered as considerably less attractive than those under which he was lured back to the Arrows at the start of 1983.

The potential of a committed Brennan alongside Valeri and Gampaolo must send shivers down the spines of most State League coaches.

Farrell has returned from Melbourne where he was been with Preston since 1981.



TONY BRENNAN

Farrell, 26, joined the then Canberra City in January 1979 in the recommendation of Canberra's guest player, Peter Marinello.

He had gained representative honours for the Scottish Young Professionals, and Scottish Juniors and had played for Glasgow Rangers, Motherwell and Lesmahagow Juniors.

Farrell left Canberra because he objected to the practice of coach George Murray of substituting him with John Massa.

Farrell was a regular in Preston's team until Peter Ollerton took over. At the start of this season he looked likely to join former Canberra team-mate, Don McLaren, at Sunshine-George Cross.

It is understood that Inter-Monaro has reached a loan arrangement with Preston, with the sum involved being about \$4,000.

STATE LEAGUE KICKS OFF

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE start of the 1984 NSW State League competition — surprising results and the introduction of many young talented players.

Inter-Monaro proved that they will cause many headaches for teams travelling to Canberra this year. They convincingly defeated a skilful Auburn side 3-1. Polonia shocked Yugal with a punishing 2-0 win at Yugal's ground, Fraser Park.

Two of the youngest teams in the competition, Canterbury-Marrickville and Ku-ring-gai, drew 2-2 at Arlington Oval, with ex-Gladesville Ravens striker, Glen Jefferey starting for the Chasers.

Sutherland, whose first XI are blessed with experience and youth, fought back in the second half against Bankstown-National to win 2-1 at Potts Park. Young Sutherland goalkeeper Paul Dart made a welcome return to the top grade.

Warringah would want to forget their defeat in first division when Rockdale Ilinden convincingly defeated them 4-1.

Manly and Avala finished up drawing 1-1. Avala are going to prove they are no leeches in the competition this year, with one of the most experienced defenders.

CANTERBURY v KU-RING-GAI

CANTERBURY-Marrickville and Ku-Ring-gai shared the points in a hard and entertaining 2-2 draw at Arlington Oval.

Both sides showed enterprise in attacking movements but it was the Berries who were rewarded with two well taken goals in the first half.

Paul Joannidis opened the scoring in the 25th minute. Signed from Sydney Olympic in the off-season, Joannidis beat the offside trap to score a runaway goal.

Two minutes before the break, midfielder Phillipou took on two defenders and from an acute angle drove the ball high into the net.

The introduction of Ku-Ring-Gai's Glen Jefferey in the 70th minute changed the whole complexion of the game. His pin-point crosses from the right flank were responsible in setting up both goals.

In the 79th minute he found team-mate Seach, his shot was blocked but experienced striker Clive Eaton was on hand to slam home the rebound.

With five minutes remaining Bass levelled terms when he volleyed a cross from Jefferey into goal.

CANT-M'VILLE: Ali El Zein, Antonopoulos, Micovic, Laws, Hantzis, Anagnostopoulos, Phillipou, Fternatis, Pettas, Downis (Hajitoff 82), Joannidis (Vassiliou 45).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Ings, Dene, Watson, Mortlock, Bertram (Bennett 82), Bourke (Jefferey 70), Seach, Bass, Eaton, Martin.

BANKSTOWN v SUTHERLAND

ALTHOUGH losing 2-0 to Sutherland at new ground Potts Park, Bankstown-National were not disgraced.

Young Sutherland goalkeeper Paul Dart, who returned to the side after a recent injury in the Ampol Cup, was outstanding for the visitors. On numerous occasions he thwarted the Bankstown attack with some confident reflex saves.

The first half was even and the new players at Bankstown were combining well with the "old brigade." Nigel Groome had the best chance to score for the visitors in the 18th minute but fired over the crossbar with the goal at his mercy.

Sutherland dominated the second half and were rewarded with their two goals. Mitch Hesford scored the first in the 55th minute when he blasted the ball from 30 metres just under the crossbar.

Nigel Groome put the issue beyond doubt with five minutes remaining. His free-kick attempt deflected off the Bankstown wall and into goal.

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL: Griffin, Kennedy (Hasmic 78), Agostino, Meerbani, Cootes, Dalton, Parker, Badawy, Henness (Blackburn 64), Hassan, El-Husseni.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno, Johnston, Cashman (Rogers 10), Watkins, Groome, Webber, Hargraves.

ROCKDALE v WARRINGAH

ROCKDALE Ilinden recorded the first big "upset" defeating arch rivals Warringah-Narrabeen 4-1 at Seymour Shaw Park.

It wasn't the score that shocked Warringah coach John Wignall but the way his side applied themselves to their task. They didn't exploit the early chances they created and their defensive effort was very poor.

On the other hand Rockdale coach Ilya Takac was pleased with the way his side played considering they went into the game without regular first graders Ross Brown, Terry Jones and Branko Karanfilovski (who was used as a substitute late in the game).

Rockdale striker Ron Boots scored the home team's first two goals with a great deal of effort and skill in the 25th and 47th minutes. Pilovski made it 3-0 when he flicked into goal a

free-kick from team-mate Jimmy Ristovski.

Experienced Warringah striker Billy Bulloch pulled one back for the visitors after good lead-up work from Alan Dean.

Branko Karanfilovski pushed the score to 4-1 when he beat a couple of Warringah defenders and drove the ball into goal.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Polas, Butcher, Wilson, Pilovski, Degney, Atanoski, Yousuph, Slaveski, Stojeski, Boots (Karanfilovski 70), Ristovski.

WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN: Peter Dean, Sorge, Satdner, Yamine, Collings, Hanley, Garrett (Dibole), Alan Dean, Bulloch, McDonagh (Sturgess), Taylor.

MANLY v AVALA

THE new-look Manly team were held to 1-1 by the experienced Avala at Cromer Park.

Manly, who have bought wisely during the off-season, played with a great deal of purpose and created enough chances to win the game.

Their new front-line of Rob Stuart, Steven Leak (ex-Ku-ring-gai) and Mark Holloway (ex-Croatia) would rate as one of the strongest in the competition.

The first half remained scoreless, but three minutes after the break Avala broke through. Midfield maestro Paul Burrows put Don Brown through, and he turned around an opposing

defender to score.

This didn't deter the home side and they pushed forward looking for the equaliser. It came in the 61st minute.

Right-back Bobby Parano, who had a good debut for his new club, broke through on the right side and his cross was driven into goal by Leak.

MANLY: Cassetari (Conradi), Pagano, Dick, Williamson, J. Dick, Jones, Steven, Falconer, Leak, Holloway, Stuart.

AVALA: Thurlow, Lucchesi, MacKenzie, Barton, Vujnovic, Kodor, Brown, Duvnjak, Burrows, Bateman, Antic (G Fernandez 73).

YUGAL v POLONIA

IN an event match at Fraser Park, Yugal and Polonia each had three scoring chances, with Polonia putting two away in a 2-0 victory.

The goals came in the second minute of each half. In-form striker Henry Sobczyk headed home the first, with midfielder Ben Divam providing a perfect cross from the right.

Sobczyk took a free-kick which led to the second goal, with Wojtek Nowak getting the vital touch to score.

Yugal hit the woodwork three times, but Polonia's effort and running was rewarded with the two points.

MONARO v AUBURN

INTER-MONARO scored all the goals and should have won by a bagful if all opportunities had been accepted at Bruce Stadium.

The final score against Auburn-Uruguay, 3-1, was not a true indication of the chances created.

BY BERNIE HARRIS

Walter Valeri, Tony Brennan and Bas Gampaolo tore holes in the Auburn defence, but the crowd had to wait until 25 minutes had elapsed for the opening goal.

A free-kick taken by Valeri outside the area was sent tracer-like into the far corner of the net, giving Auburn keeper Carlos Rosano no chance.

With five minutes to halt-time, Billy Willox misdirected his back-pass to Hocking, and slumped in agony to the pitch as the ball trickled into the net to equalise.

Two minutes later, a Valeri corner was not held by Rosano, whose claim for a foul was rejected. The ball fell to Angelo Ambrosino, and he scored his maiden goal for Inter-Monaro.

Inter-Monaro misdirected its passes badly, but Ambrosino in midfield had a top match.

Andrew Monterossi launched off on a fine 25-metre run, which ended with his beating Rosano from 20 metres out to extend Monaro's lead to 3-1.

In the last 10 minutes, Willox and Auburn replacement Mick Kelly were sent off.

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION				
Manly	V	Avala	1	2 3
Monaro	V	Aub-Uruguay	1-1	1-0 5-1
B'town National	V	Sutherland	3-1	2-3
C-M'ville	V	Ku-ring-gai	0-2	2-0 2-5
Yugal	V	Polonia	2-2	3-1 5-0
Rdale Ilinden	V	Warringah	0-2	1-1 0-6
			4-1	1-2 1-2
STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION				
Penrith Utd	V	Nth Bankstown	0-4	1-1 1-4
W'gong Macedonia	V	Artamon	1-1	5-1 1-2
Belfore	V	Dee Why	1-5	0-2 13-0
Bathurst	V	Fairy Meadow	2-1	0-1 3-1
Blacktown Utd	V	Revesby Wkrs	3-1	0-1 5-0
Uni of NSW	V	Parramatta	3-4	1-0 2-0
Gladesville Hby	V	Bys		
STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION				
Baulkham Hills	V	Kingsford	4-3	1-2 6-0
Campbelltown	V	Bondi Marine	3-2	1-0 2-1
Moorebank L'pool	V	Lane Cove	2-1	6-0 1-0
Queens Park E/S	V	King Tomislav	2-2	2-0 2-0
Mt Druitt	V	CSI Schofields	1-1	0-1 13-0
Port Hacking	V	Nth Ryde	0-6	1-0 1-0

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1

Saturday April 7:

Bankstown-National v Ku-ring-gai
Polonia v Cant-M'ville Olympic

Potts Park
Chopin Park

Sunday April 8:

Auburn-Uruguay v Manly-Warringah
Avala v Rockdale Ilinden
Sutherland Shire v Inter-Monaro
Warringah-Narrabeen v SSC Yugal

Mona Park
Knight Park
Seymour Shaw Park
Narrabeen Fitness Camp

DIVISION 2

Saturday April 7:

Artamon v Belfore
Dee Why Swans v Bathurst '75

Artamon Reserve
Cromer Park

Sunday April 8:

North Bankstown v Wollongong Macedonia
Gladesville-Hornsby v Penrith United
Fairy Meadow v Blacktown United
Revesby Workers v Uni of NSW

Potts Park
Pioneer Park
Corrimal Memorial Park
Murrumbidgee Reserve

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

DIVISION 1

Saturday April 14:

Inter-Monaro v Ku-ring-gai

Sieffert Oval

Sunday April 15:

Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire
Avala v Auburn-Uruguay
Bankstown-National v Polonia
Cant-M'ville Olympic v Warringah-Narrabeen
Rockdale Ilinden v SSC Yugal

Cromer Park
Knight Park
Potts Park
Arlington Oval
Hurstville Oval

DIVISION 2

Saturday April 14:

Wollongong Macedonia v Gladesville-Hornsby
Parramatta City v Revesby Workers

Berkeley Sports Grd
Garside Park

Sunday April 15:

Belfore v North Bankstown
Blacktown Utd v Dee Why
Uni of NSW v Fairy Meadow
Bathurst '75 v Artamon

Blick Oval
Francis Park
Little Bay Oval
Proctor Park

EUROPE FOR NEWMARKET

BY GREG RUSSELL

AMBITIOUS Intermediate League club Newmarket are set to create another first in Queensland Soccer by undertaking a tour of Europe next year.

Newmarket, guided by brilliant president Bob White, were the envy of many larger and richer clubs last year when they took a team and a large band of supporters on a tour of the American west coast.

The tour was a huge success and now White has finalised plans to take Newmarket to West Germany and England in October, 1985.

And already 130 people from the club (and a few outsiders) have put down their names as tourists and have begun making weekly payments towards the fare.

With the assistance of local Lufthansa Soccer fan Bill James, White has mapped out an itinerary that includes matches in Heidelberg and Munich and games against amateur sides in London.



Lufthansa are also sponsoring Newmarket's Player of the Year competition and the winner will be sent to Hennef sports school for a week of intensive training in February. He will follow

the Hennef stay with a three-week spell at a West German club.

Two years ago Newmarket sent their Player of the Year, Jim Reiken to the United States for a month where he played for Atalia in the Northern Californian League.

Last year's Player of the Year, Kerry Felsch was set to go to America too but had to miss the trip because of a work transfer to Rockhampton.

Felsch is now playing in the central Queensland town with St George.

Newmarket, this year under new coach Derek Mann, are aiming to win the Intermediate League and consolidate themselves as one of the major Premier League clubs in Brisbane.

WARD FIRES FOUR FOR JUVENTUS

BY "VAN DIEMAN"

JUVENTUS-PIONEER beat Metro-Claremont 4-0 at South Hobart to qualify for the Cadbury League section final of the Summer Cup competition.

White Eagles reached the Rothmans League section final when they defeated Howrah 2-1.

Bruce Ward scored all four Juventus goals, two in each half with a display that made goalscoring look as easy as taking candy from a baby.

Two of Ward's goals, in the third and 53rd minutes, were amazing.

On each occasion, goalkeeper Steve Craven's long kick found Ward who was left with only the opposing goalkeeper to beat and he easily tucked the ball into the net.

Juventus had chances galore in the first half against a clearly outclassed but plucky Metro team who had goalkeeper Holzinger to thank for the mere two-goal deficit at half-time.

Holzinger saved superbly from Pace in the fourth minute and from Ward in

the 19th before Ward scored his second goal on the stroke of half-time.

Morton's cross from the left found the centre-forward beyond the far post and he controlled the ball and side-stepped a defender before shooting into the net from a tight angle.

Metro reshuffled their pack in the second half with Pitchford and Hallam moving into a striking role but the move was largely ineffective. Juventus slowed down but were never really extended.

Both teams made numerous substitutions in the second half — five were permitted — and this took a lot of the interest from the match.

Ward completed the scoring five minutes from time when Ashwood failed to control a poor clearance from replacement goal-

keeper Porterhouse.

Ward snapped up the ball, rounded the keeper and had time to park his car before pushing the ball into an empty net.

White Eagles hit the lead against Howrah in the 26th minute following a free-kick two metres from the Howrah goal after goalkeeper Muntz handled the ball twice.

Barker took a quick free-kick — the referee hadn't even raised his arm to signal the indirect free — and set up Stodart who had no trouble in scoring from close range.

Robbie New equalised from the penalty spot in the 37th minute after Conlan had been pushed in the penalty area but Templeman headed the winner in the 57th minute following a perfectly measured cross from the right by Andrew Leszczynski.

THISTLES BOOST MID STATE

WITH the countdown to the opening Mid-State round now only a week away interest has reached fever-pitch.

Ten teams will contest the championship.

Gone from this year's competition are Bloomfield, who have disbanded, and Wellington who found the standard a little tougher than expected.

However, new teams have come in force bringing with them excellent records and reputations.

Lithgow Thistles have been the dominant force in Bathurst Soccer for the past four seasons.

As well, they have proved themselves in higher company by winning the Challenge Cup in 1981 and again last year defeating

Mid-State teams Dubbo South Wanderers and Orange Cymys along the way.

Thistles coach, Hugh Sellers, has the right blend of youth and experience to succeed this year and if form shown so far in trials in any guide than they surely must be one of the early favourites.

Another new club to Mid-State is Cowra, which has been formed from an amalgamation of local Cowra sides.

Cowra has had a long association with Soccer in the western area having competed in the old inter-

town competition regularly.

Whilst this will undoubtedly be a giant step up for them they appear to have the enthusiasm and dedication to make a real fist of Mid-State.

Orange Ex-Services is the other newcomer formed largely by players from the defunct Bloomfield club.

Experienced Chris Reiss is the man at the coaching helm, and with the talent with which he has to work with, he'll certainly be looking for a spot amongst the leaders.

A number of other clubs have undergone changes in

MACQUARIE'S STIFF TASK

BY BILL TURNER

ALL eyes will be on the "new boys" to Northern NSW Second Division this year.

The club, Port Macquarie, was included into this year's format after satisfying all requirements nominated by Federation directors.

Soccer enthusiasts up the coast will be eagerly awaiting visits by some of the crack Second Division sides from around Newcastle and the Coalfields.

Many people thought that the Port side should have started off in Division Three so as to consolidate.

They will get no sympathy from former First Division sides such as Mayfield, Wallsend, Maitland, Austral, Cessnock, Toronto-Awaba and Edgeworth.

Westlakes, Belmont, Rutherford and Beresfield are the only clubs not to have been in First Division

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It is a little unusual to have co-coaches in a club but it has worked a couple of times in Northern NSW First Division football.

Highfields had a very successful combination in Neville Power and Peter Fairleigh, while Lake Macquarie won the State Pre-

mier under the guidance of Barry Boslem and Wayne Leary a couple of

seasons ago.

Now Weston Bears are trying it with John Turn-

bull and Jack Turnbull. The two men are local products but are no relation.

CONISTON ARE A KEEN BUNCH

BY PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA Premier League club Coniston are looking to goalkeeper Danny Bjimovski for a big season now they have managed to avoid extinction.

Coniston could easily have folded up before the season started after a mass exodus of players from last year's first grade squad.

New coach Vasco Sekuloski has recruited a number of Yugoslav players, including Bjimovski.

Bjimovski started his senior career as a 15-year-old with Wollongong United when they were in the ISA second division.

His new role with Coniston will be the toughest he has faced because the team is certain to come under a lot of pressure as the season goes on.

Secretary Lex McKean, who has been a tireless worker for Coniston, has stuck with the ship and says they will fulfil all their commitments.

"We don't have any stars but there is a lot of enthusiasm there and sometimes you are better off in this situation," he said.

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HOST club Shellharbour took the major slice of the prizemoney in the Presidential Sidings \$1,000 pre-season knockout.

They finished with three wins from three games after beating Warilla Wanderers 1-0 in the last game thanks to a first-half goal from winger Ron Van der Vorde.

The night series was a big success and the sponsors have

promised to provide the backing to stage it again next season.

Shellharbour's success is a clear indication the fact they aren't paying their players this season doesn't mean they won't be challenging for a top four place.

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FAIRY MEADOW have released prolific young striker Robert Brilliante to district club Aris.

Brilliante scored more than 40 goals in Fairy Meadow's successful under 18 side last season and Aris coach Robert Fryer wasted no time grabbing him.

Even though he lacks experience, Brilliante will get a share of goals in his new team and he certainly has plenty of potential.

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TARRAWANNA are looking to Under 19 striker of last season Mick Errington to get among the goals in first grade this year.

Errington is one of five under 19 players to get their chance in top grade and club publicity officer Ross Emerton says he has a big future.

Emerton said the youngster is strong and has a good shot. "He will surprise a few people once he settles in the side," Emerton said.

Errington is the son of Dave Errington, a long-serving full-back with Fernhill a few years back.

RIVERINA'S REVAMPED LEAGUE

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE restructured Northern Riverina Soccer League is set for an improved season this year.

The NRSFL has been operating for the past two years as a joint venture between Wagga and South-West Slopes Associations. Now it has its own committee to administer senior Soccer.

Last year the League had 12 clubs competing.

This year the League has been divided into two divisions — A Division for clubs with two teams, seniors and reserves, and B Division for clubs with one senior team only.

This new system is the brainchild of Ray Verdon and his executive.

Ray said this move has already paid dividends with the nominations of two new clubs, Lake Albert

of Wagga, and the Wagga Police Boys Club. This move also led to the reformation of the Harden Soccer Club's senior team.

"It is hoped that eventually this competition will take in the whole Riverina area and to grade clubs to even out the competition and improve the Soccer standard in the whole of the Riverina district," Ray said.

The new committee is also encouraging clubs to enter U16 teams with their senior teams, in an effort to hold the players in this age-group and to bring them into senior sides in 1985.

"The whole idea behind the formation of his new format is to bring the U16s closer to seniors," Ray said.



Waratahs' prolific scorer Robbie Brown

past and worked so successfully.

East Dubbo United have the added incentive this year of playing on their own park which is a great credit to them.



Looks like the mascot is receiving a trophy as big as himself in this snap of Albury Wodonga's presentation day. Handing over the U14 Cup is AWSA president John King.

NORTH'S YOUTH GROW

NORTH BANKSTOWN, after being the late-comers as well as the also-rans of 1983, have started out surprisingly well this year.

They performed in outstanding fashion against strong clubs Sydney Olympic and Sutherland, and then claimed seven of the eight available points from Rockdale.

North Bankstown club is in its 26th year in Bankstown Association and officials are determined that local youngsters be given the opportunity to win places in the club's State League Second Division teams.

The club's headquarters is the splendid Potts Park ground, located off Graf St and Brunker Rd, North Bankstown.

The Park Trust is controlled by a combination of Soccer and greyhound racing in-

TERRY SAYS THANKS

THE 1984 co-ordinator of the Bill Turner Cup, Terry Hampton of WallSEND High, was all praise last week for the part AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY is playing in promoting the schools' U15 competition.

He explained that entries had been received from many areas, which had been passed on to the appropriate area co-ordinators.

"We are so grateful to have such a vehicle by which to promote our competition," Terry said.

"We will probably never know how much ASW is responsible for developing the Turner Cup to its present status."



□ TERRY HAMPTON

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Youth League officials this year are: U13 — coach Glen Ahearn, manager John Gwilliams; U14 coach Bob Hudson, manager George Gray; U15 coach Graham Mewburn; U16 coach Dave Kearns, manager Glen Roberts.

CENTRAL COAST TO TOUR SHAKY ISLES

CENTRAL COAST Soccer Association's Under 16 team will tour New Zealand in the August school holidays.

The Association runs from the Hawkesbury River until it meets the Macquarie Soccer Association's boundary.

It covers the local government areas of Gosford and Wyong, included in which are important centres such as Woy Woy, Umina, Davistown, Killarney Vale, Budgewoi, The Entrance and Terrigal.

A local travel agency, Travelco, will sponsor the representative teams through from U11 to U16.

Travelco has also made available a holiday trip to Fiji for two persons.

These will be raffled and the proceeds will help cover transport costs for Central Coast sides involved in the NSW Youth League and also the Northern NSW State titles.

Central Coast Association came in behind the

senior district club, which is now competing very successfully in the Northern NSW State League.

Former leading Sydney coach Bill Vrolyks had a successful run with the Central Coast State League team in 1983.

He did a lot to help Southern and Eastern Soccer Association in Sydney over its years of consolidation.

The U13-16 Central Coast representative teams are in operation.

The squads are

UNDER 13: Glen Kemister, Chris Keppie, Robert White, Mark Winspear, Danny Abbott, Andrew Ferrari (East Gosford); Jason Beach (Killarney Vale); Connel Field, Peter Nielsen, Matt Nash, Wayne Licbinskas (Wyoming), Jason Gribble, John

Loo (Umina), David Hancock (Davistown), Grant Nielsen (Rivernia), Darren Fogwell (Ettalong). Coach, Steve Shoobert; manager, Reg Winspear.

UNDER 14: David Field, Tim Kelaher, Justin Timothy, Blair Spinks (Killarney Vale); David Hall, Gareth Mitchell (Budgewoi), Denis Gittos (Richmond Tweed); Darren Arba, Brent Caisley, Todd Berry (East Gosford); Bill Stevens, Mark Luntangan (Terrigal); Nathan Swadling (The Entrance); Philip Cartner, Darren Golding, Kevin Bush (Wyoming). Coach, Cec Spinks; manager, Lionel Field.

UNDER 15: Warren Crickmore (Umina); Ruarn McIntyre, Brett Cogdon, Jeff Buckley, Mark Hackenberg, Daryl Woodward (Killarney Vale), John Har-

ris (Wyong), Stephen Rootsey, Paul Corbett, Mark Dowdell (Budgewoi), Paul Winspear, Martin Gibbs (East Gosford); David Weekes (Gosford City); Greg Pryor, Patrick Brady (Wyoming); Greg Eden (Davistown). Coach, John Van Heck, manager, Jack Marshall.

UNDER 16: Wayne Martin (Gosford City), Chris Kongonis, Andrew Garland, Michael Breen (Wyong); Greg Williams, David Mangan (Woy Woy); Russell Taylor, Keith Hubbard (Southern United); Sean Ferguson, Chris Watson (Killarney Vale), Derek Caisley, Brett Margin (East Gosford), Dennis Freyer, Trevor McDougall (Wyoming), Steven Murphry (Umina), Danny Cross (Davistown). Coach, Lindsay Ferguson; manager, Roger Bascy.

MELITA EAGLES JUNIORS WIN FINAL APPEAL

AFTER years of pressing to the allowed to operate teams in the Granville District Soccer Football Association, Melita Eagles are cock-a-hoop over winning their case before the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The five-man appeals board, comprising executive members who had not previously been involved in the affair, upheld the Sydney Branch decision in Melita's favour.

In the last analysis, it appears that personality clashes had continually intruded into what was, in essence, a relatively simple matter.

Due to the decision having come through only just prior to the start of the winter season, Melita will only conduct their NSW Youth League teams this year.

However, they have a clear mandate to expand in the future.

The club had good reason to be unhappy over the time it took for a decision to be reached over their application to be permitted to run a junior club in the Granville District.

For the past two years they have had their applica-

tion to Granville rejected.

It seems Granville was unhappy that Melita would be cutting into the territory of other clubs which covered the area before Melita moved into South Granville with its excellent Melita Stadium and adjacent fields.

Elsewhere there is a feeling that National and State League clubs should draw from the junior pool of their district without cultivating their own junior clubs, which obviously get near absolute preference in building players through the ranks to their first teams.

For 1984 Melita had its application rejected by Granville District. They appealed to Sydney Branch and this was upheld.

The matter went to the State body, who came down on Granville Association's side.

The matter then went to the final appeal.

After the previous season

had seen the matter unresolved, suggestions were made to Melita that they approach the question in one of three ways.

The first involved talking to Granville Association and becoming the senior club for the district, or perhaps sponsoring the Granville Youth League teams.

If they didn't wish to do this, they might be pre-

pared to sponsor an existing club and thus enter the junior ranks quietly.

The third was to reapply the following year, allowing themselves good time to, as newcomers, cultivate good relationships with Granville Association.

Inevitably, Melita wanted the third alternative but Granville preferred the first.



STEFAN MAUNTONE was selected as goalkeeper of the Under 13 national championships last year.

A representative for Victoria, Stefan, or Steve as he is known, is a dedicated young player with the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club in the Albury Wodonga Association.

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SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

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CUP ENTRIES CLOSE

ENTRIES for this season's important amateur club competitions close on April 14.

These are the NSW Amateur Cup (for seniors), NSW Robertson Cup (U21), and U18, U16 and U14 State Cups.

Also closing on the same day are entries for the NSW Centenary Cup (U12), which will be held in the May school holidays.

Entries must be lodged with competition secretary Bill Cullinan, 1 Boree St, Eastwood 2122, phone (02) 888 5159.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR S.A. YOUTH

BY TOM MCKAIN

A Brazilian touch has been added to the coaching of the South Australian Youth Squad which is working out of the SA Sports Institute.

State director of coaching, Mike Wells, has set up a Technical Commission based on the format he worked under during a study tour of Brazil last year.

The commission is made up of former Socceroo Johnny Perin and State star Uros Zivkovic, who will specialise in ball technique and group skills, Nick Bojanic who will work with the goalkeepers, while Mario Danielli will specialise in mobility and flexibility.

Twenty players are at the SA Sports Institute on scholarships.

The current squad is: Mark Antonello (Brighton City), Scott Baird (Salisbury United), Simon Green (Para Hills), John Harris (Salisbury), John Klein (Croatia), Slavko Hancar (Beograd), Paul Kolesnikowicz (Polonia), Kurt Leitner (West Adelaide), Ante Loncar (Croatia), Louis Maratos (Cumberland), Sandy Meggatto (Campbelltown), Colin Miller (Para), Tim Mullens (Salisbury), James O'Connor (Port), Albert Rerich (Croatia), Graeme Schache (Para), Nenad Sosa (Beograd), Brett Thomson (Adelaide City), Alex Tobin (Birrballa), Tony Ward (Polonia).

Scholarships have been offered to West's Nick Malavazos, John Panagis, Steve Papadopoulos, Theo Stamatiopoulos and Arthur Stamatogiannis, provided they can make themselves available for training.

Youngest player in the Under 18 squad is 14-year-old Thomson, who played for the Australian Under 16 team which won the Oceania tournament in New Zealand last year.

Two other youngsters are Baird and Leitner, who were in the Under 15 Socceros who defeated the Kiwis in Sydney.

Fourteen of the Youth squad are members of senior first-team squads which have just played in the summer Ampol Cup series.

From last year's squad, Sean Greaves of Beograd



Mike Wells

and Azzurri's Graham McMillan, have accepted scholarships at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Malavazos, Panagis and Papadopoulos were also offered AIS scholarships but had to decline.

McMillan played in Scotland for Motherwell then trained with Glasgow Rangers before returning to Australia this year to join the institute squad.

After his stint with the Youth team, which is due to tour Europe in a warm-up for the World Youth Championship next year, he will return to Rangers in the Scottish Premier League.

The SA Youth team was runner-up in the National Youth Championship last year when 15 of the 16 players in the squad came from the SASI.

Twelve of this year's scholarship holders were at the SASI last year, and in finishing this year's squad Wells has introduced a number of younger players who, provided they maintain their level of progress, are likely to remain at the SASI for two years.

MAJOR BOOST FOR COFFS HARBOUR

COFFS HARBOUR has been set up as the main city of the new Mid North Coast Soccer region.

This forward move was made by the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The Mid North Coast is very much a growth area and thoroughly deserves its enhanced status.

There are in excess of

26,000 players in amateur and junior ranks in Northern NSW.

The game has spread in splendid fashion throughout New England, which covers a huge and important area from Murrumbidgee to the Queensland

border.

Playing Soccer are all the important centres of Tenterfield, Inverell, Glen Innes, Moree and Narrabri.

Moves are being made to introduce the round-ball code at Walgett. When established there, the plan is to bring Soccer to Bourke and Brewarrina.

The Northern NSW areas comprise RICHMOND-TWEED (Lismore, Mullumbimby, Bal-

ina, Casino), NORTH-EAST RIVERS (Grafton, Yamba), MID NORTH COAST (Coffs Harbour, Sawtell), NORTH COAST (Taree, Port Macquarie, Forster, Tuncurry), NEW ENGLAND (Tamworth, Gunnedah, Armidale), NEWCASTLE, MACQUARIE (Lake Macquarie Shire), HUNTER (Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook), and CEN-

TRAL COAST (Wyong, Gosford, Woy Woy).

The Northern NSW Branch Championships will be played over the Queens Birthday weekend (June 9-11).

The centres in which the various championships will be played are: U11 Tamworth; U12 Cardiff; U13 Stewarts & Lloyds Oval, Newcastle; U14 Central Coast; U15 Singleton; U16 Lismore.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
ST GEORGE v CROATIA	4-0	3-1	3-0	2-0
ILLAWARRA v KU-RING-GAI	4-1	5-1	1-1	1-2
APIA v BANKSTOWN	1-0	3-1	5-3	5-0
AUBURN v CANTERBURY	1-1	5-0	1-1	2-1
STHNDISTS v BLACKTOWN CITY	2-1	2-4	0-0	0-1
MACARTHUR v BULKHAM HILLS	2-4	0-5	2-2	1-8
MELITA v YUGAL	5-0	5-2	2-2	3-0

GROUP B

SYD OLYMPIC v GRANVILLE	1-3	9-0	4-1	4-0
MARCONI v AVALA	3-2	3-0	3-0	5-1
SUTHERLAND v GLADESVILLE	2-2	4-1	3-1	0-0
NEPEAN v CENTRAL COAST	2-2	2-4	3-1	2-0
MANLY v CANT-MVILLE	0-3	3-4	2-3	0-2
NTH BANKSTOWN v SYDNEY CITY	4-1	3-3	2-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN v ROCKDALE	0-4	0-0	1-3	7-0

ANOTHER ACKERLEY COMES TO FORE

THE next generation of the renowned Ackerley family was on show when Nepean U15 chalked up a 3-1 win over Central Coast at Cook Park on Saturday.

Young Chris, son of former World Cup and Apia-Leichhardt left-back Stan Ackerley, proved an ideal foil for hat-trick scorer Gary Appleby.

Ackerley spanned the entire field in a great display of both attacking and defending. He laid the ball on for Appleby's first goal early in the second half.

Central Coast struck back, but Appleby added two more in the dying stages.

Nepean won an ordinary-standard U16 encounter 2-0, both goals coming from State sprinter David Felix.

The boys from Gosford dominated the U14 grade at 4-2, with Matthew Toohey and Sean Alderson scoring for the losers.

Honours were shared at 2-2 in U13. Nepean's goals came from Grant Cullen and a penalty expertly taken by Ron Heeps.

ENGLISH BOYS FOR PERTH AND SYDNEY

THE Kent school team from England will play matches in Western Australia and NSW during September.

The team has been invited to play in the Australia-

lian National Under 15 Championships from September 1-8, and then will fly east for another three or four matches.

Any organisation other than a State team can play as guests in the championships, provided that they have National Junior Council approval.

The New Zealand national U15 team played in last year's titles.

The series in Perth has been set down for the Dorian Gardens Oval.

Stewarts & Lloyds Oval Newcastle has been set down as the venue for the U14 championships, which will be held at the same time.

The U13 Nationals have been allocated to Victoria and will be played at Altona City's grounds from August 26/September 1.

COUNTRY GROWTH

NO matter where you travel throughout NSW, the Soccer code will be found to be increasing in popularity.

Here are three logos from organisations in various areas.

The first two are from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area's prosperous towns of Griffith and Leeton.

The third is from the South West Slopes Soccer Association, which has been gradually coming through to better standards of Soccer over the past two seasons.

South West Slopes has a number of sizeable towns, including Young, Temora, Cootamundra, Tumut, Harden and Quandialla.



BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BUNDABERG

THE Bundaberg Junior Soccer Association were very pleased with the response from Bundaberg Soccer supporters when over 1,000 people attended the opening ceremony at Martens Oval on March 17.

The Mayor, Ald C.J. Nielsen, opened the season after viewing the traditional march-past of competing teams, coaches, managers and referees.

Across The Waves club was judged the winners for marching, team dress and overall club presentation, with Bingera club coming a close second.

Judging by the intensive pre-season training and inter-city warm-up matches by many Bundaberg junior clubs, 1984 promises to be a year of stiff competition.

Clubs like Across The Waves were quickly on the ball, with all junior teams in full training by late January.

Approximately 80 teams from U7 to U15 will be competing for premiership points in 1984.

Queensland director of coaching and State coach Bruce Stowell attended the opening day, and played with the Bundaberg senior representative team against Bingera.

Although Stowell showed his expertise on the field, it wasn't enough to step Bingera winning 1-0.

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Under 13 team took out this year's Mini Ampol Cup. Pictured is one of Olympic's youngsters moving back in defence (in dark shirt) in a recent U13 match.
(Photo by DAVID JELLINGS)

AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



No. 10 CINDY HEYDON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ONE of Australia's longest-serving players is crack midfielder Cindy Heydon.

Cindy was one of the original members of the first Australian women's team back in 1975. She is a real character, with an enormous sense of humour.

A real live-wire within the national squad, she is a happy-go-lucky type, and never seems to run short of jokes to keep her team-mates happy on tour.

From the midfield, Cindy is a constructive player, but greatly relishes a crack at goals. During the Oceania tournament, she ended up joint top scorer with striker Leigh Wardell. But she could easily have had another four, if she was steadier in her approach towards the target.

Cindy has a great weakness of wanting to blast first-time shots at goal, even when she's under no pressure.

Nevertheless, Cindy, with her great experience, is an asset to the Australian team, with her courageous, constructive and unselfish style of play.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: April 9, 1961.

BIRTHPLACE: Kogarah, Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'6.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: St George, Marconi, Arncliffe Scots.

PLAYING POSITION: Central midfield, but right side for Australia.

OCCUPATION: Interior decorator.

FAVOURITE WOMEN'S PLAYER: Kim Lembryk, Pat O'Connor, Trixie Tagg.

FAVOURITE MEN'S PLAYER: Johnny Warren, Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer, Pele, Maradona.

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS: For the Australian women's team to travel and play in Europe. To be happy and become a millionaire, get married and have stacks of kids.

NUMBER OF CAPS FOR AUSTRALIA: Played for the national team since 1975.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against New Zealand in 1980 when he were down 3-nil, yet fought back to snatch a 3-all draw.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER?: We have to widen our entire outlook as far as world Soccer goes. We should be involved with Europe far more frequently. The China tour next October for us will be fantastic. Also, we badly need sponsorships and promotions for our code.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER: Joe O'Connor and my father. Dad taught me all I know today about Soccer. I trained with his mens team, then Joe O'Connor developed me with the women's team.

FAVOURITE HATES IN WOMEN'S SOCCER: Mainly all the rubbish we girls cop playing Soccer from the public. Men refuse to recognise us as Soccer players. We also get very little publicity which we earn and deserve to get.

OBSVIOUS REMEDIES: More professional people to get involved with our Soccer and help us out. Better coaching clinics for the girls to attend.

ANOTHER TREDINNICK AMY NOT OUTDONE BY BROTHERS

A PLAYER destined for a big future in women's Soccer is Amy Tredinnick — and there's no need to guess which area she comes from.

If you say Newcastle you are 100 per cent right because Amy's brothers are Peter and Howard, who play in the NSL for Sydney clubs, Leichhardt and Parramatta Melita Eagles, respectively.

At 16, Amy is the captain of the Northern NSW Under 17 team which plays in the tournament in Darwin.

Let's take a close look at the Northern NSW squad.

In the number one goalkeeper's shirt is Michelle Smith. Michelle is young to be taking on the U17 teams as she is only just 15.

She is from the Oxley club in the Tamworth Association and plays in the U17 rep. side for Tamworth as either a goalkeeper or forward. Michelle represented Nthn NSW in 1982 in Victoria and again last year in the ACT when he was a member of their U15 side.

Kathy Haines, wearing the number two shirt, is from the Toronto club in the Macquarie Association. She is also 15 and plays as a goalie in representative football.

She alternates as a solid defender and was with the Nthn side in the ACT for the U15 titles last year. She reads the game well and has the tenacity to match her flaming red hair.

One of several players from the Macquarie association, Melinda Bailey plays full-back in her representative team and also performs nicely as a left-half. She picks up her first State cap on this trip.

Amy Tredinnick is the captain of the team and has been named as a future player for the national side.

Probably the most experienced participant for her age in the Nthn NSW side, Amy has played in the senior State side in Brisbane in 1982 and again with the seniors in Perth last year. She tackles anything that moves and distributes very well.

The number five shirt has been given to Joanne Green, vice-captain of the side. She turns out for the Killarney South Club on the Central Coast and plays centre-half for the "Coasties" representative side. She is also a first capper and is worthy of the responsibility given to her.

A solid player who also comes from the Central Coast Association and can belt a ball with either foot, is Debbie Woodward, also from the Killarney South Club. Playing in number six shirt, Debbie is 16 and has played as centre-forward for her club side and centre-half for the reps. She is an accomplished player and travelled with the Nthn side to play in the U15s in Brisbane, 1981, Victoria in 1982 and ACT last year.



NORTHERN NSW UNDER 17 SIDE

BACK ROW (from left): coach Lionel Sneyd, Heather Gordon, Kym Drayton, Melinda Bailey, Kathy Haines, Linda Hughes, Joanne Green, Alison McLean.

MIDDLE ROW: Belinda Woodward, Donna Schofield, Jenny Adams, Debbie Woodward, Sharon Perry, Barbara White (manageress).

FRONT ROW: Annette Leary, Janita White, Amy Tredinnick, Michelle Smith.

Annette Leary from the Kahibah club in the Macquarie district, has played for her State U15 side in 1981-82-83. She plays centre-forward for her club and inside right for the Macquarie rep side.

Linda Hughes is also from the Macquarie Association and is 15. She travelled to Brisbane in 1981 with the 15 side and plays as a striker in the rep side and either side of the centre position as well.

Wearing the number 12 shirt is a girl from the Far North Coast Association.

She is Sharon Perry, 16, who plays with the Eastwood club. Sharon played with the Under 15 side in Victoria in 1982. She can

and is just 13. Janita comes from the Tamworth Association and plays with the Police Boy's Club.

She played with the U15 side in Canberra last year and gains in experience with every game.

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where she can feed her forwards. Belinda is 14.

Also picking up her first cap for the State is Alison McLean, from the Ocean Beach club in the Central Coast Association. She plays as right-half in the Coast's rep side and switches to right wing for the club football.

Jenny Adams is another first-timer wearing the black and white for Nthn NSW.

She is 16 and plays for the Rovers Club in Lismore. Jenny has tried most positions on the field and prefers playing centre-half.

Another player who can use either foot to advantage. The manageress is Barbara White from Tamworth, and versatile senior coach for Nthn NSW, Lionel Sneyd who will be taking the side away on this trip.

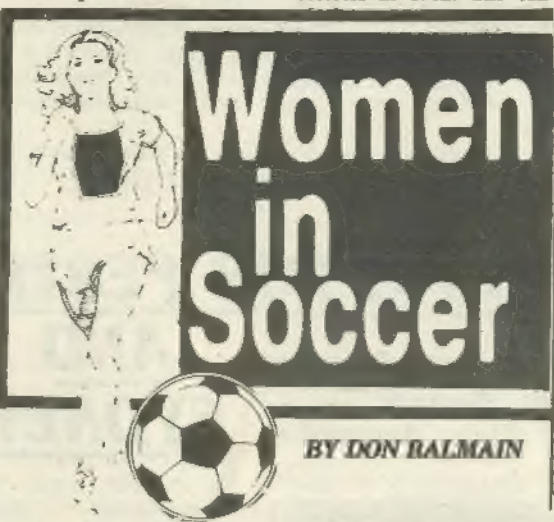
The remainder of the draw for the tournament, Tuesday, April 3: 7.30 pm Darwin v NT; 9 pm NSW v Nthn NSW.

Wednesday, April 4: 7.30 pm Darwin v NSW; 9 pm Nthn NSW v NT.

Thursday, April 5: 7.30 pm NSW v NT; 9 pm Darwin v Nthn NSW.

Friday, April 6: REST DAY.

Saturday, April 7: 2 pm Nthn Territory v Darwin; 3.30 pm NSW v Nthn NSW.



BY DON RALMAIN

Another junior player who can shoot with either foot.

A player who picks up her first cap this trip is Heather Gordon from the Oxley club in the Tamworth Association. She is 16 and plays as a half-back in the Tamworth rep side but is capable of playing anywhere on the field.

Wearing number 10 is a girl who is capable of playing a 90-minute game in a 60-minute match. She has great stamina and a great utility player.

Kim Drayton, 15, from the Toronto Awaba club in the Macquarie Association, played in the ACT with Nthn NSW last year and was named as one of the "all stars".

Lionel Sneyd presents a future star in Janita White. She is the baby of the side

use either foot to advantage and prefers to play in the middle where the action is.

Wearing number 13 and aged the same, Donna Schofield from the Killarney South Club on the Central Coast has been playing Soccer from just two years.

She slotted in well to the Central Coast U15 rep side and she loves to work. She is happiest when defending and picks up her first cap this trip.

Belinda Woodward, playing in the number 14 shirt, comes from the Killarney South club on the Central Coast. She plays as a left winger for her club, plays striker for the Coast's rep. side and is also an excellent goalkeeper.

She played with the U15 State side last year and prefers to play as a right-half

VICTORIANS 'ON BALL'

THE girls from down south in Victoria are ready to kick off with a complete executive this year.

The newly-elected president of the women's association is Ms Maria Berry, who comes from the Rowville club.

Marie is supported in her role by Brian Craddock, who was formerly the referees' co-ordinator for the association.

Returning as secretary, is Betty Hoar. Last year, Betty turned out for the Watsonia Club but she is keeping tight-lipped whether to play or referee this time.

The treasurer is a Melbourne University lass, Cathy Bourke, with Nicky Kenna from the Greensborough Club, as the asst secretary. The public relations contact this year is Christine Ewing, from the Footscray Club.

The Lightning Premiership got under way on Sunday and was played at the Dandenong City's ground. This is a competition in which all teams take part and is a preliminary contest to the main event.

A new club, Laylor, is now operating after 17 girls "swarmed" Betty Hoar.

The senior coach for the Victorian Association's top team has already been chosen. She is Janette Melvin, who was a senior player for the Victorian side for some years.

Another player who has given sterling service for the top side is taking the Under 15s this year. Margaret Roy is the coach and she will be assisted in looking after the girls' injuries by Liz Wood.

CROWD STAYS AWAY

CROWDS at West German matches are usually big but even in that football-mad country, the attendance recession is biting.

When top crowd-pullers Bayern Munich played Eintracht Braunschweig, the official attendance was only 7,500 — the smallest ever to watch Bayern in a home Bundesliga game.

The missing fans could only read about Dieter Hoeneß grabbing five goals for Bayern!



ACTION IN EUROPE — as Liverpool (white jerseys) give Benfica a 4-1 hiding in Lisbon, Ronnie Whelan (extreme left) scores the first goal for the English team.

NASL PLAYERS ANGRY OVER WAGE CUTS

ONCE again the distress signals are being hoisted in the North American Soccer League.

The League has

been reduced to nine clubs following recent defections and even those clubs still in existence are being forced to make big economies.

Now the NASL has asked all players to accept a wage cut of 15 per cent.

League chairman Howard Samuels says: "We're cutting costs in all areas and we want players to share those cuts."

This brought the following angry reaction from Cosmos goalkeeper David Bercic:

"This is a sick joke. Plenty of players have already

had a 20 per cent wage cut and they're being asked to play the whole year round — not just the normal seven months season. We now have to cope with the indoor season as well as outdoor Soccer."

Incidentally, indoor Soccer is booming in the USA even if "real" Soccer is struggling to survive.



JORGE ARAVENA of Universidad Catolica is Chile's "player of the year."

ARABS LIKE HUNGARIANS

SEEMS the Arab nations are fascinated by Hungarian coaching — as well as Brazilian.

There are many coaches from Brazil in the Middle East. Now five top Hungarian coaches have gone to the United Arab Emirates.

One of the imports was the famous Nandor Hidegkuti, whose deep centre-forward game shattered England at Wembley in the memorable 6-3 Hungarian win in 1953.

FLAMENGO BID FOR ZICO

COULD Italian club Udinese be losing the fabulous Brazilian Zico?

News from South America is that Zico's former club, Flamengo, is now ready to finance the player's return.

This has delighted Flamengo supporters but it has made Udinese fans very upset.

Zico himself says he is very interested in returning to his homeland. Udinese will fight hard to keep their star.

TWO Hamburg players, Jimmy Hartwig and Uli Stein have each been fined \$1,800 for writing newspaper articles criticising the team.



KROL

RUUD KROL had a very expensive trip from Italy to his native Holland recently.

After returning to Naples from Amsterdam, Ruud discovered burglars had paid his flat a visit and got away with goods valued at \$300,000.

ITALIAN EDER?

THE drain of top football talent from Brazil to Italy goes on and on.

World Cup star Eder, whose free-kicks are just about perfection, could be next to hop a Europe-bound jet. Eder has been offered \$10,000 a month to stay in Brazil but insists he's worth three times that figure.

If the Italians don't buy him, Eder can always team up with the Arabs.

By the way, Eder claims he has now perfected his "elevator shot" and it's going to terrify all goalkeepers. He says he can make the ball swerve and dip four times on its journey to goal!

OVERSEAS RESULTS

GREECE

Aek v Doxa	1-0
Aris v Ap Athens	1-0
Iraklis v K'maras	3-1
Larisa v Yannina	1-0
O'pikios v Ofi	2-0
P'naikos v Ethnikos	2-0
Panionios v Egaleo	0-1
P'raikos v Paok	0-1
W D L F A Pts	
P'naikos	18 8 2 43 12 42
Iraklis	15 7 4 43 17 37
Aris	16 5 5 38 20 37
O'pikios	16 4 6 42 20 36
Paok	11 10 5 29 24 32

SPAIN

Salamanca v Zaragoza	1-1
Barcelona v Cadiz	4-1
At Madrid v Sociedad	2-1
Sevilla v Valencia	2-0
Osasuna v Malaga	0-0
Mallorca v Betis	0-1
Bilbao v Madrid	2-1
Murcia v V'dolid	1-2
Sporting v Espanol	0-1
W D L F A Pts	
Bilbao	17 9 4 47 25 43
R Madrid	18 5 7 50 32 41
Barcelona	16 8 6 52 25 40
At Madrid	17 8 7 46 37 40
Betis	15 4 11 40 38 34
Zaragoza	11 9 10 42 35 31
Sociedad	11 9 10 37 33 31

HOLLAND

Ps v Feyenoord	1-1
Az'67 v Haarlem	4-4
Utrecht v Willem II	2-0
Ga Eagles v Groningen	2-2
DS'79 v Zwolle	4-1
Sp R'dam v Volendam	3-0
Ex R'dam v Hel Sport	1-4
Roda JC v F'Sittard	1-2
Ajax v Den Bosch	5-2
W D L F A Pts	
Feyenoord	19 6 2 76 28 44
PSV	19 5 3 70 25 43
Ajax	18 5 4 81 36 41
Roda JC	12 8 7 48 39 32
Haarlem	11 10 6 47 41 32

AUSTRIA

Vo Linz v Ad Wacker	1-1
Aus Klagenfurt v Gak	2-1
Wiener SC v Salzburg	5-0
Neusiedl v St Veit	0-0
St Graz v Lask	1-1
Aus Wien v Fav AC	1-1
Innsbruck v Rapid	0-0
W D L F A Pts	
Aus Wien	14 4 2 55 15 32
Rapid	12 6 2 43 15 30
St Graz	12 4 4 40 25 28
Lask	11 5 4 38 21 27
Innsbruck	7 9 4 34 22 23

BELGIUM

Lokeren v A'lecht	0-1
Waregem v Courtrai	1-0
Molenbeek v Seraing	2-0
Standard v Cl Bruges	2-2
Antwerp v Beveren	0-1
Mechelen v Beringen	1-1
W'schal v Lierse	3-1
Cer Bruges v B'schol	2-2
Fc Liege v Ghent	1-4
W D L F A Pts	
Beveren	17 4 7 49 30 41
A'lecht	16 5 7 63 33 39
Cl Bruges	13 6 9 52 33 35
Standard	14 8 6 50 36 34
Seraing	14 9 5 53 39 33

FRANCE

Sochaux v Bastia	2-0
Nancy v Toulon	2-2
Bordeaux v S Etienne	7-0
S'bourg v Metz	0-0
Rouen v Brest	0-1
Toulouse v Lens	2-0
Nantes v Laval	3-1
Rennes v Monaco	1-2
Lille v Paris SG	1-0
Nimes v Auxerre	1-1
W D L F A Pts	
Bordeaux	19 8 8 81 28 46
Monaco	18 9 6 50 27 45
Auxerre	18 7 8 53 27 43
Paris SG	15 10 8 50 34 40
Nantes	16 7 9 39 26 39

W. GERMANY

Bay Munich v Cologne	4-2
Dortmund v Bremen	2-3
Hamburg v Mannheim	2-3
Ein F'hurt v Bochum	1-0
Nuremberg v M'gladbach	1-3
Stuttgart v Bielefeld	1-0
K'lautern v B'swick	3-0
L'kusen v D'dorf	2-0
Uerdigen v O'bach	4-2
W D L F A Pts	
Bay Munich	16 5 5 63 27 37
M'gladbach	16 5 5 60 35 37
Stuttgart	14 8 4 55 26 36
Hamburg	15 5 8 58 29 35
Bremen	13 6 7 54 33 32

E. GERMANY

RW Erfurt v Vorwaerts	2-2
Stahl Riesa v Ch Leipzig	0-0
Dy Berlin v K-M Stadt	4-2
H Rostock v C-Z Jena	2-1
Wismut Ave v Magdeburg	0-0
Lok Leipzig v Un Berlin	2-1
Ch Halle v Dy Dresden	0-0
W D L F A Pts	
P'nense v Porto	1-0
Varzim v Benfica	1-1
Sporting v Setubal	3-1
G'maraes v Rio Ave	2-1
Espinho v Estoril	2-0
S'gueiros v Agueda	0-0
B'vista v Braga	0-2
Penafiel v Farense	0-0
W D L F A Pts	
Benfica	20 3 1 69 18 43
Porto	19 3 2 44 5 41
Sporting	16 3 5 49 18 35
Braga	10 7 7 26 25 27
Setubal	10 6 8 32 23 26

PORTUGAL

P'nense v Porto	1-0
Varzim v Benfica	1-1
Sporting v Setubal	3-1
G'maraes v Rio Ave	2-1
Espinho v Estoril	2-0
S'gueiros v Agueda	0-0
B'vista v Braga	0-2
Penafiel v Farense	0-0
W D L F A Pts	
Benfica	20 3 1 69 18 43
Porto	19 3 2 44 5 41
Sporting	16 3 5 49 18 35
Braga	10 7 7 26 25 27
Setubal	10 6 8 32 23 26

N. IRELAND

Ards v Bangor	1-0
B'mena v Glenavon	2-2
Carrick v G'toran	0-2
C'ville v D'lery	1-0
L'field v C'raigne	6-1
Newry v Larne	2-0
P'down v C'ders	0-1
W D L F A Pts	
Ards	19 8 8 81 28 46
Monaco	18 9 6 50 27 45
Auxerre	18 7 8 53 27 43
Paris SG	15 10 8 50 34 40
Nantes	16 7 9 39 26 39

FINES FROM FIFA

FIFA, having suspended several leading South American players for an unauthorised tour of the Far East, has now slapped fines on the national federations in countries where matches were played.

The Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong Football Federations were each fined \$25,000.

Organisers of the matches were barred from future football promotions.

The president of the Malaysian Federation said it would have been more reasonable to double the fines and not suspend the players.

NILS LIEDHOLM, once an elegant Swedish World Cup star and now one of the top coaches in Europe, could be leaving AS Roma. Liedholm has had approaches to join Sampdoria and Inter Milan.

HANDY ANDY IS HEADING FOR THE TOP



ANDREW DIBBLE fists clear for Cardiff.

ANDREW DIBBLE, at 18, promises to become one of the outstanding goalkeepers in English football.

Yet he might easily have forsaken Soccer to concentrate on either Rugby Union or Cricket.

He actually represented Wales Schools against England in Rugby Union at Twickenham. And young Andrew was offered trials with Glamorgan County Cricket club as a fast bowler and enterprising batsman.

But at the age of 15, Andrew decided Soccer was his first love. It was a wise choice.

He has been honoured at Youth and Under 21 level by Wales and was brought into the Welsh squad for the full international against Scotland a few weeks ago.

Welsh team manager Mike England says: "Andrew is the best goalkeeper I've ever seen at his age."

And former Cardiff City boss Len Ashurst says: "He has everything — tremendous reflexes, courage, great ability to get down quickly for a boy of his height, no hesitation in coming off his line and con-

fident command of all in front of him."

How long will Cardiff City be able to hang on to 6ft 3ins Andrew Dibble when wealthy first division clubs chase his transfer?



JIMMY LIKES CRAIG

UKI SOCCER SCENE

JIMMY GREAVES was one of England's greatest forwards, so it's interesting to hear what he has to say about the Liverpool Aussie, Craig Johnston.

Says Jimmy: "Johnston's

mixture of industry and invention makes him the ideal type of Liverpool player."

GETTING INTO TOP GEAR

UMBRO, the sporting manufacturers, have again been signed up by the England team.

In future, England will wear a new Umbro strip, replacing the multi-coloured outfit which is now associated with failures by the international team.

After all, it was Umbro who supplied England's gear in 1966 when Sir Alf Ramsey's Wembley heroes won the World Cup.

The gear manufacturers have been operating from Wilmslow in Cheshire ever since 1924. The present Liverpool team and the great Manchester United of the 1960's are among Umbro's most successful customers.

SERIOUS DEBTS FOR IPSWICH

IPSWICH TOWN are losing \$16,000 a week and it's not surprising their debts are nearly \$2,000,000.

Neither is it surprising that the East Anglian club has had to sell star players to pay the bills.

Notable departures include Arnold Muhren, Frans Thijssen, Mick Mills, Paul Mariner and John Wark.

WIZARD PAUL SIGNED UP

PAUL McSTAY of Celtic has just signed a new five-year contract and this caused all Scottish football enthusiasts to breathe a sigh of relief.

They feared McStay, captain of Scotland's World Youth team in Mexico last year, was about to follow team-mate Charlie Nicho-

las to England — or perhaps Europe.

"We have missed the Nicholas goals since he joined Arsenal," said Celtic boss David Hay, "but we would miss the skills of McStay even more."

At 19, Paul McStay has the football world before him: he's a genuine superstar of the future.

SACK THE LOT!

HIBERNIAN supporters are shouting for the resignation of chairman Kenny Waugh and manager Pat Stanton ... because the team is having a bad season.

But if Waugh goes, who pays the bills? The Edinburgh bookmaker has put \$600,000 into Hibs' ailing bank account.

"I've only been with the club for 18 months and Stanton has been here less than that," said Waugh. The fans want instant success. Give us a break," said the upset chairman.

Hibs have a bank overdraft of \$300,000, so manager Stanton cannot be given any cash to buy new players.

WARK IS LATEST CAPTURE

LIVERPOOL's signing of John Wark from Ipswich Town for \$700,000 took the Merseyside club's transfer fee outlay to \$2,000,000 in the 10 months since Joe Fagan took over as manager.

Wark is football's highest scoring midfielder — although he has not scored since November.

He was bought just three days before transfer deadline date.



UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	33	19	9	5	53	24	66
Manchester Utd	33	18	10	5	63	33	64
Notts Forest	33	17	6	10	55	35	57
West Ham	33	16	7	10	53	38	55
Southampton	32	16	7	9	39	30	55
Q.P.R.	34	16	8	12	53	31	54
Tottenham	34	14	6	12	53	51	50
Arsenal	34	14	6	14	58	49	48
Watford	34	14	6	14	60	61	48
Aston Villa	34	13	9	12	49	51	48
Luton	34	13	8	13	45	48	47
Birmingham	34	12	8	14	35	38	44
Everton	32	11	11	10	29	34	44
Leicester	34	11	10	13	55	55	43
Norwich	33	11	10	12	36	37	43
Sheff Wed	33	12	6	15	39	49	42
Coventry	34	10	10	14	46	53	40
Sunderland	34	11	11	14	33	46	38
Stoke	34	10	8	16	32	55	38
Ipswich	34	10	6	18	41	50	36
Notts County	33	7	9	17	40	60	30
Wolves	33	5	9	19	25	64	24

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	34	18	12	4	69	37	66
Sheff Wed	32	19	9	4	60	29	66
Newcastle	34	20	6	8	67	45	66
Carlisle	34	16	12	6	40	23	60
Manchester City	34	17	8	9	52	39	59
Grimsby	33	16	11	6	51	38	59
Blackburn	34	14	13	7	46	38	55
Charlton	34	15	9	10	45	46	54
Brighton	34	13	8	13	55	49	47
Leeds	34	13	8	13	43	45	47
Portsmouth	34	13	5	16	60	48	44
Huddersfield	33	11	11	11	42	40	44
Shrewsbury	34	11	10	13	35	45	43
Fulham	34	10	12	12	48	42	42
Cardiff	33	13	3	17	44	51	42
Middlesbrough	34	10	10	14	35	39	40
Barnsley	33	11	6	16	40	46	39
Oldham	34	10	7	17	39	60	37
Crystal Palace	32	9	9	14	32	39	36
Derby	33	7	9	18	28	61	29
Swansea	34	5	7	22	29	66	22
Cambridge	33	2	8	23	22	64	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	37	23	7	7	75	43	76
Sheff United	38	19	11	8	72	45	68
Wimbledon	37	20	8	9	63	64	68
Walsall	38	19	8	11	59	52	65
Bristol Rovers	37	18	10	9	57	42	64
Hull	35	17	12	6	53	30	63
Barnley	36	15	13	8	68	40	58
Bolton	37	16	10	11	50	42	58
Gillingham	35	16	7	12	58	53	55
Orient	36	15	8	13	53	58	53
Bradford	34	14	9	11	59	49	51
Millwall	36	13	12	11	52	53	51
Newport	35	13	12	11	50	51	51
Lincoln	37	14	8	15	49	51	50
Wigan	36	13	9	14	40	46	48
Preston	36	12	9	15	54	49	45
Fleetwood	34	10	9	15	41	46	39
Doncaster	36	10	5	21	46	64	35
Brentford	37	7	13	17	32	69	34
Scunthorpe	34	5	15	14	38	60	30
Port Vale	35	8	6	21	36	67	30
Southend	34	6	11	17	41	60	29
Rotherham	33	7	7	19	33	50	28
Buxton	36	5	11	20	44	69	28

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	36	24	6	6	76	33	78
Bristol City	39	20	8	11	60	38	68
Doncaster	36	18	12	6	63	45	66
Reading	37	17	12	8	69	47	63
Aldershot	37	18	8	11	60	55	62
Blackpool	35	17	7	11	55	36	58
Tranmere	37	14	14	9	47	38	56
Peterborough	37	14	12	11	56	37	54
Colchester	35	14	12	9	55	38	54
Stockport	36	15	8	13	52	50	53
Crewe	37	14	9	14	47	55	51
Torquay	37	13	11	13	47	54	50
Chesterfield	36	12	13	13	45	50	49
Swindon	37	12	12	13	48	44	48
Hereford	37	12	12	13	43	42	48
Northampton	38	12	11	15	43	55	47
Bury	36	11	12	13	50	49	45
Darlington	34	12	5	17	32	38	41
Stockdale	38	9	12	17	46	65	39
Hullfax	37	9	11	17	39	67	38
Wrexham	36	8	12	16	42	57	36
Warrington	37	9	7	21	40	70	34
Mansfield	37	7	11	19	44	64	32
Chester	36	5	11	20	37	69	26

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	25	19	3	3	61	13	41
Celtic	27	16	5	6	61	32	37
Dundee United	24	14	6	4	46	22	34
Rangers	27	13	6	8	45	32	32
Hearts	28	9	10	9	32	41	28
St Mirren	29	7	12	10	41	45	26
Hibernian	31	11	4	16	40	50	26
Dundee	27	9	2	16	39	56	20
St Johnstone	29	9	1	19	31	69	19
Motherwell	29	3	7	19	25	61	13

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumbarton	33	17	10	6	55	35	44
Morton	33	16	11	6	63	42	43
Partick	33	18	5	10	60	42	41
Clydebank	33	15	9	9	55	43	39
Brechin	32	13	12	7	47	39	38
Falkirk	33	14	6	13	42	47	34
Clyde	32	10	11	11	44	39	31
Kilmarnock	33	13	5	15	46	46	31
Ayr	33	9	11	13	51	58	29
Airdrieonians	33	10	8	15	37	48	28
Meadowbank	33	10	8	15	41	59	28
Hamilton	33	7	13	13	33	41	27
Raith	33	7	11	15	40	56	25
Alloa	33	7	8	18	37	56	22

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	32	22	8	2	55	20	52
Queen Of South	33	16	9	8	46	30	41
Arbroath	33	16	6	11	44	38	38
Stirling	33	12	12	9	43	35	36
Berwick	33	13	9	11	49	34	35
East Fife	33	14	7	12	45	40	35
Stranraer	33	13	8	12	40	37	34
Stenhousemuir	33	12	10	11	40	43	34
Queens Park	33	12	6	15	50	55	30
Dunfermline	32	9	10	13	21	38	28
East Stirling	33	9	10	14	41	51	28
Montrose	33	10	5	18	32	54	25
Cowdenbeath	33	7	8	18	35	51	22
Albion	33	7	8	18	44	69	22